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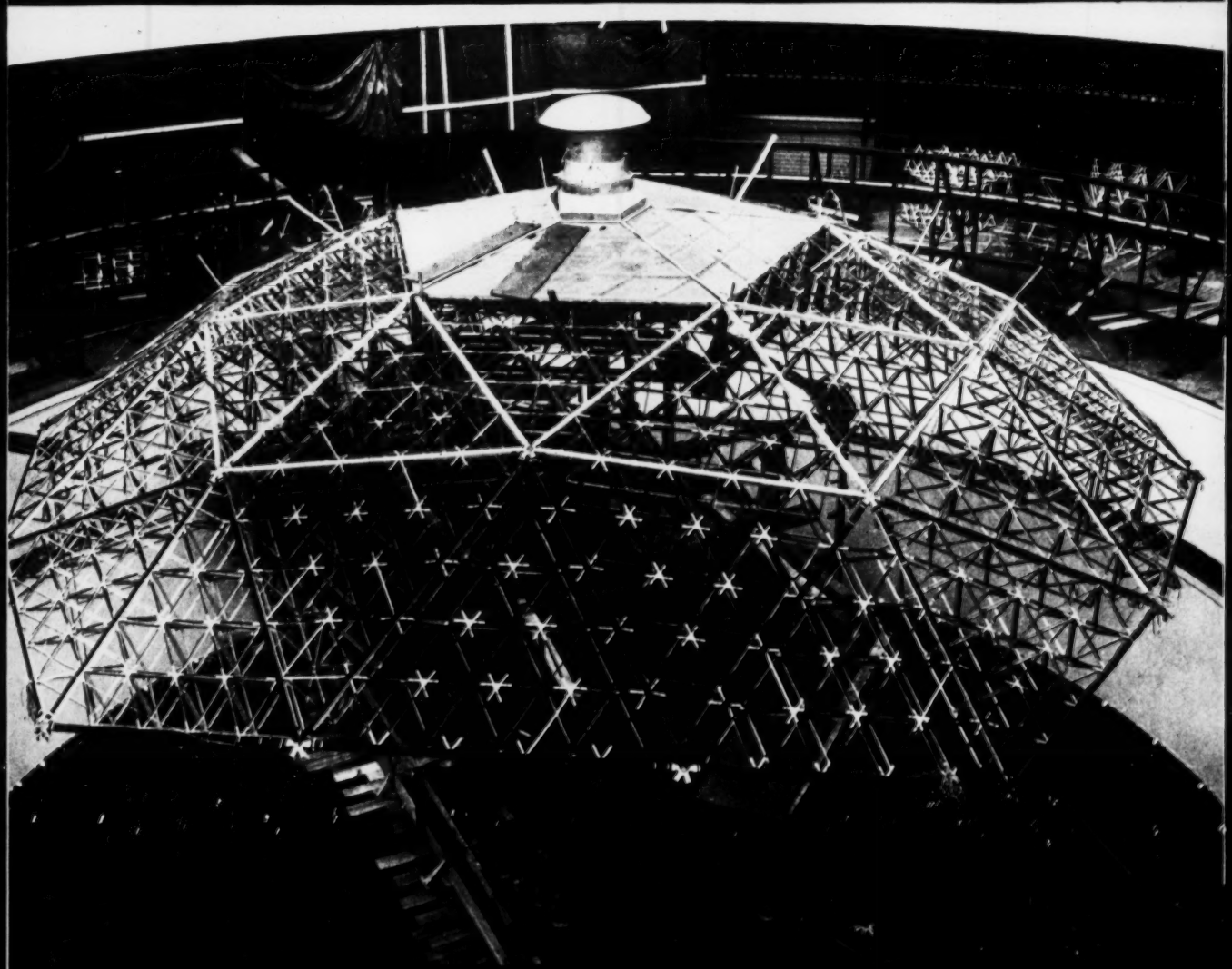

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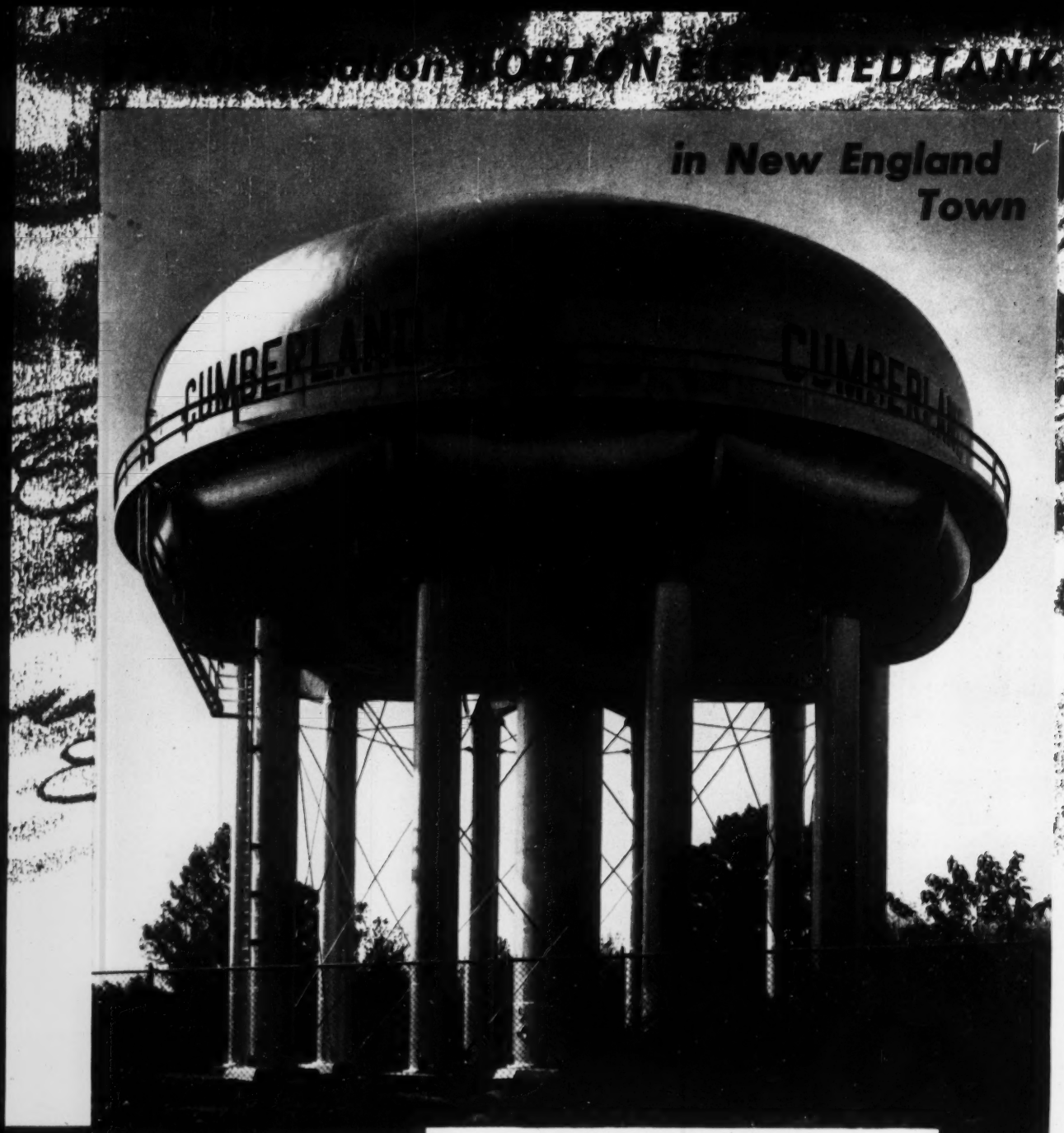

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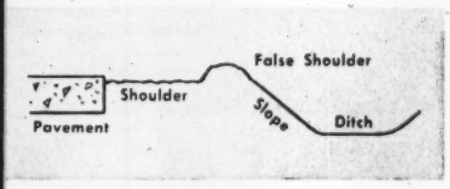
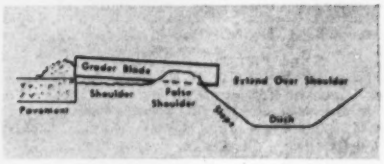


CROSS-SECTION of typical paved road with false shoulder that prevents proper drainage, encourages erosion of shoulder material and damage to pavement.

ACTUAL PHOTO of false shoulder, consisting of sod mat 3 to 4 inches high.

THE REMEDY

Cut off false shoulder with the Allis-Chalmers Model D's ROLL-AWAY moldboard—roll sod to edge of pavement.



Set grader moldboard as shown to insure clear cut and eliminate any obstacle to adequate drainage.

Windrow of sod consists mainly of root mat. Note that grader blade did not disturb or cut into shoulder gravel.

Load sod into truck with Model D's rear-end loader. Wide bucket lies flat on pavement, picks up cleanly without disturbing shoulder gravel.

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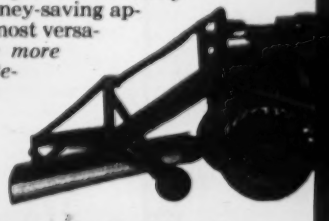

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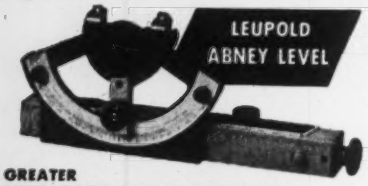

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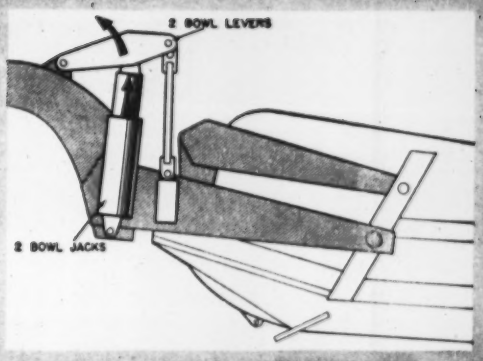

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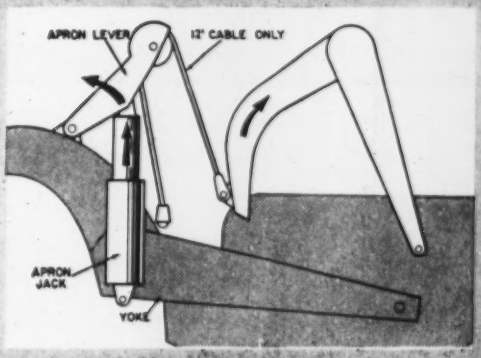

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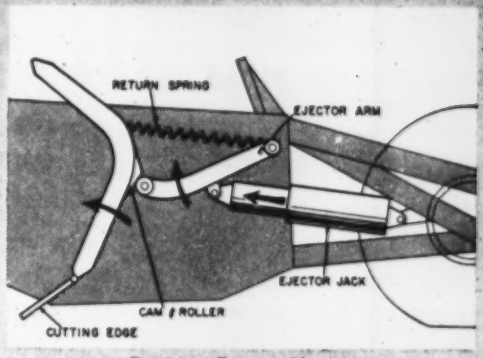

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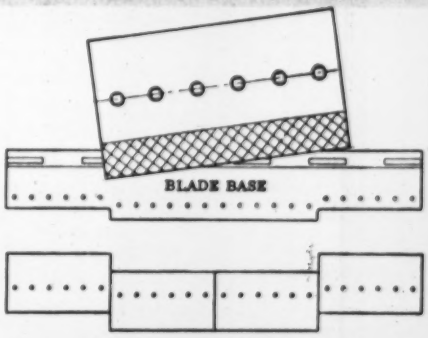

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SIR: Your article in the March 19 issue, on study of lake evaporation data, brings back to me, an old-timer, recollections of such a study made over fifty years ago in connection with a survey for a proposed Nicaragua Canal.

Under the direction of the late A. P. Davis, in charge of hydrographic studies, a number of us youngsters were established at different points in Nicaragua and on the edge of Costa Rica, with equipment for measuring rainfall, stream flow, sediment carriage, evaporation and temperatures wet and dry bulb.

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The group of readings per station probably cost about $200 per month. How does this check with the cost of investigation covered in your article?

GEORGE R. WADLEIGH
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New York, N. Y.

[EDITOR'S NOTE—R. W. Davenport of the U. S. Geological Survey says in reply to Mr. Wadleigh's query on costs that total price of the Lake Hefner work is not available from USGS, since each collaborating agency kept its own accounts. It may be of interest to note, however, that the instruments alone for this recent work cost $15,000.]

Oregon sets a record

Sir: The Bureau of Public Roads issues each month a tabulation showing the progress made by the different states in the programming of their federal-aid allotments, the preparing and submitting of plans and the undertaking of construction. These tabulations are on a dollars and cents basis but by comparing the amounts shown therein with the amounts of federal-

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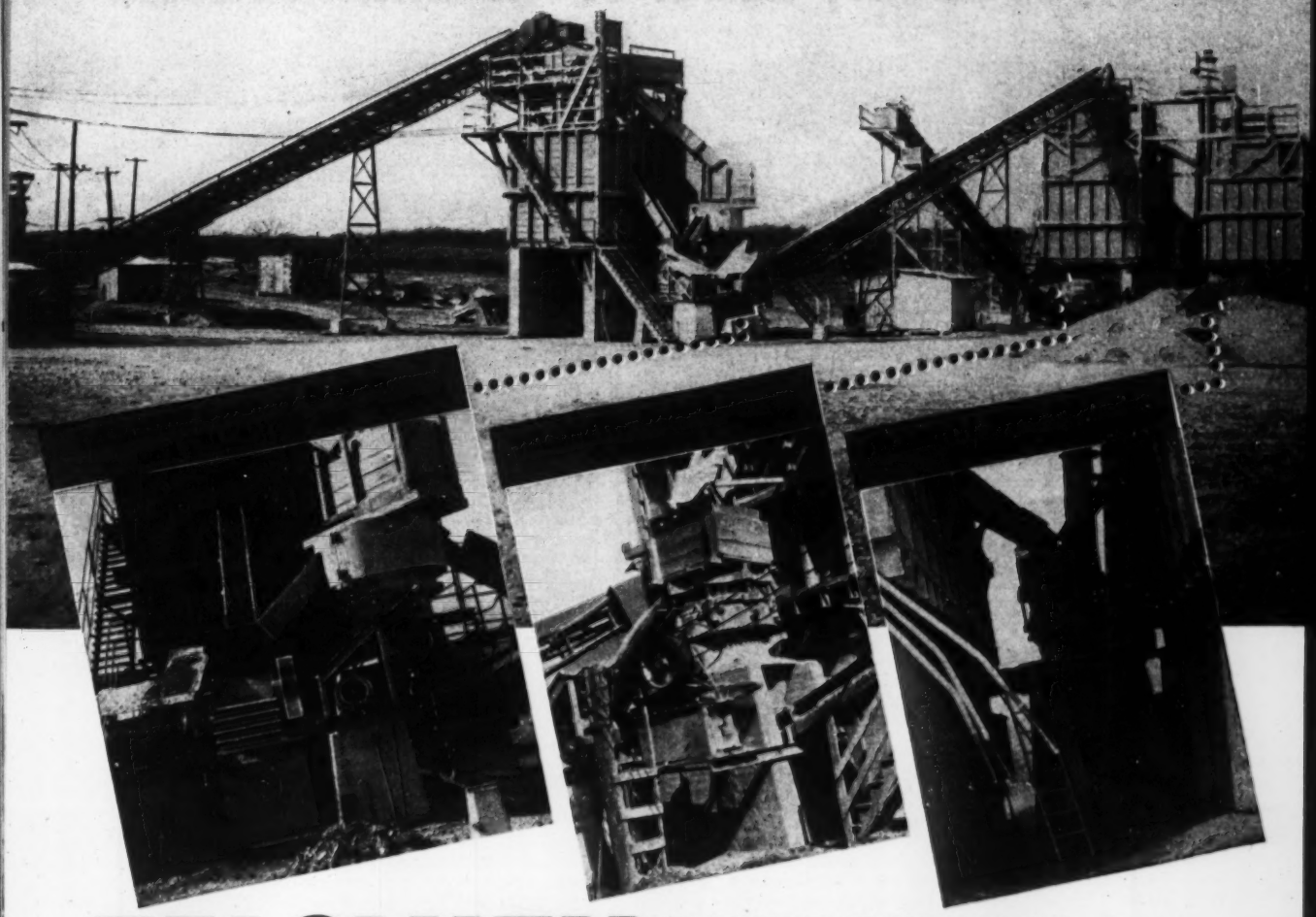

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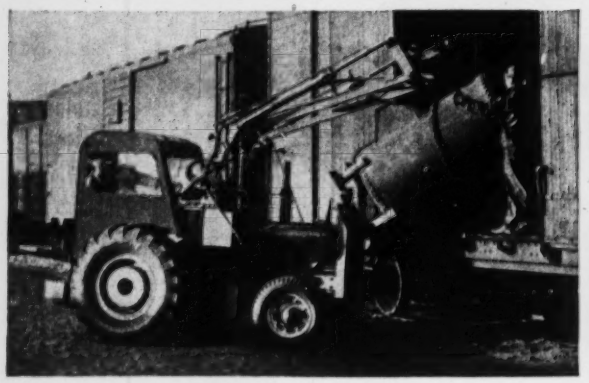

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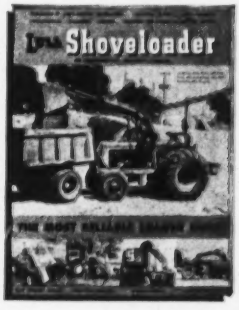

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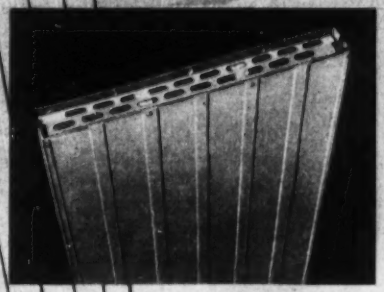

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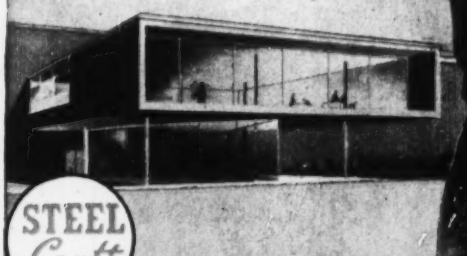

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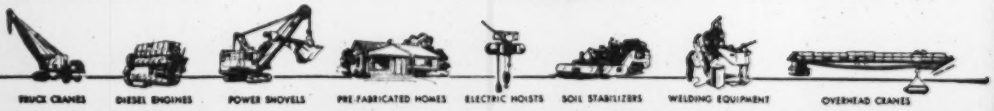

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American Society of Civil Engineers, spring meeting, Casablanca Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., June 15-19.

American Institute of Architects, Metropolitan Theater, Seattle, Wash., June 16-19.

National Society of Professional Engineers, Sheraton Beach Hotel, Daytona Beach, Fla., June 18-20.

Conference on road and street traffic control, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., June 22-24.

American Society for Engineering Education, annual meeting, University of Florida, Gainesville, June 22-26.

Conference on modern highways, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., June 23-25.

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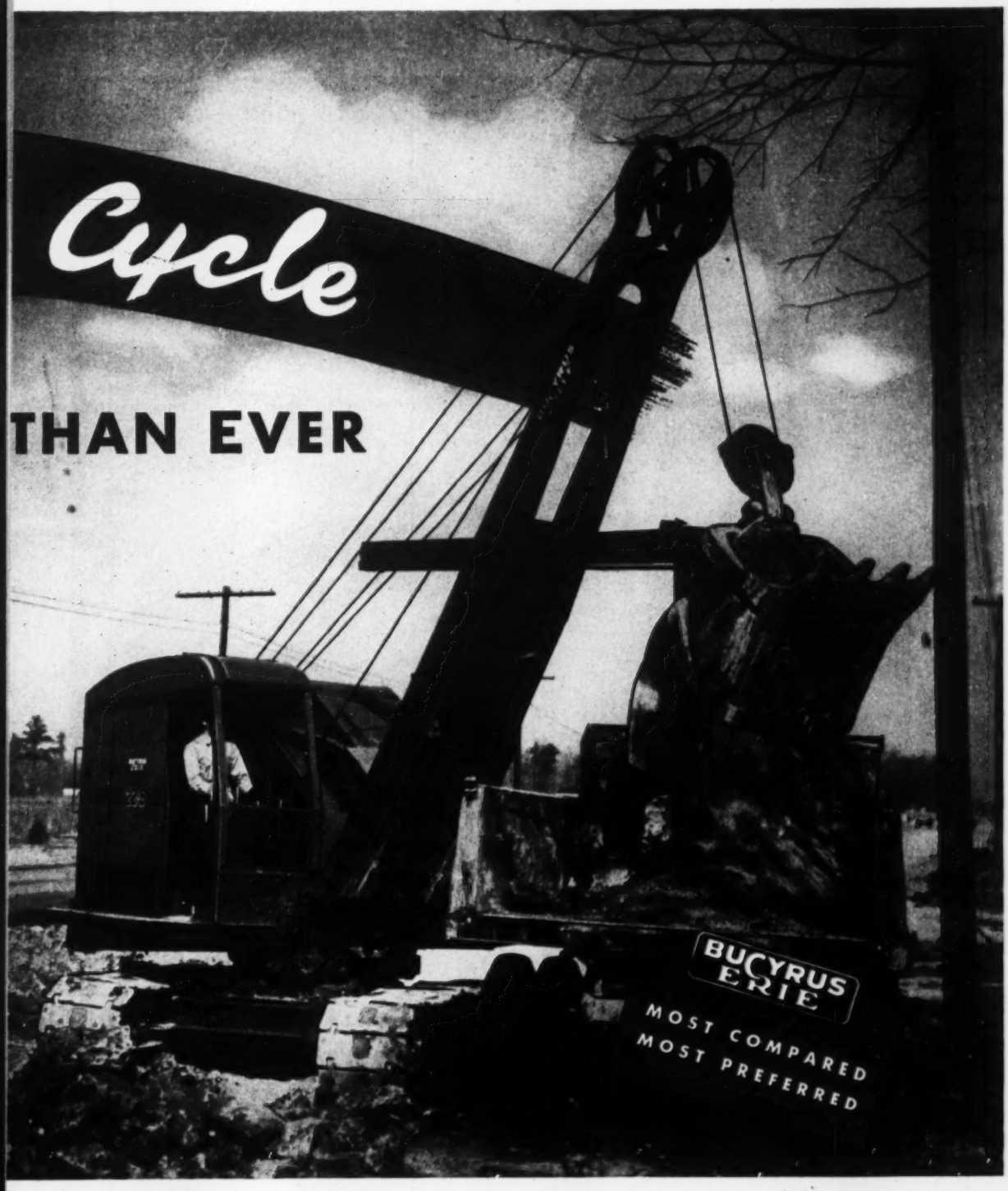

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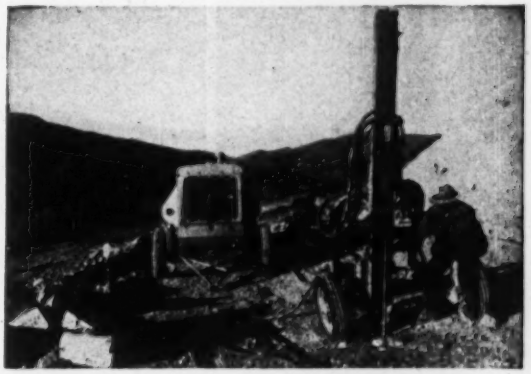

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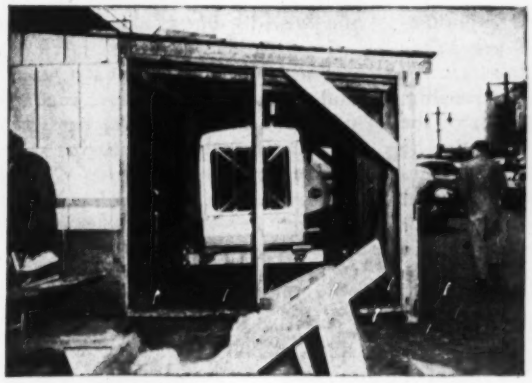

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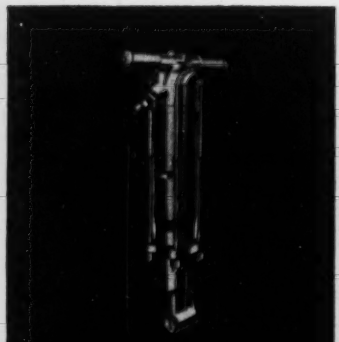

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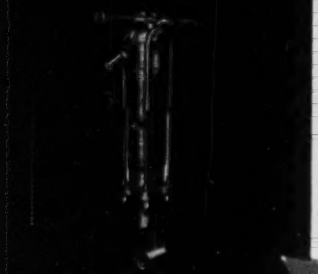

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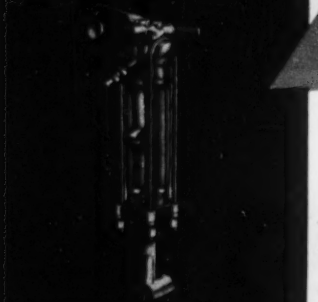

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- **Interesting omission**—That power study for the Missouri Basin presented at Huron, S. D., was as interesting for what it didn't say as for what it did.

  Presented to a special subcommittee of the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee, the report was prepared by federal agencies in cooperation with states. It urged:

  1. That private utilities fill the gap (an estimate 170% increase) between federal generating capacity and demand through construction of thermal plants;

  2. Maximum utilization of federal hydro power by extensive integration with "existing and potential" thermal plants.

  The report very carefully sidestepped any mention of federally built thermal plants—a project long eyed unofficially by the Bureau of Reclamation, with use of vast reserves of lignite for fuel also in mind.

  Nothing will be done about the report until a meeting next month in Minneapolis.

- **Competition?**—Undismayed by their turndown in bidding for work on Chief Joseph Dam, British firms will bid for engineering work on a proposed $60-million vehicular tunnel at Hampton Roads, Va. The British consul at Norfolk reported he had made "very informal" inquiries of the Virginia Department of Highways on behalf of British contractors, had been assured that the bids would be considered.

- **Desert navy**—The Bureau of Reclamation has called for bids on a tugboat that will be the biggest vessel operating in Arizona—a 60-ft. craft to pull the dredge "Colorado" as it straightens out kinks in the Colorado River near Needles, Calif.

  The tug is to be powered by two diesels, will have a draft not exceeding 4½T, will be all-welded.

- **Bumping on down**—Interior Secretary McKay's capsule description of troubles in attempting to achieve economy under Civil Service will be dear to the hearts of many a construction man—and many a state and municipal official. Said McKay:

  His department decided to discharge some 2,000 (of nearly 14,000) employees in the Reclamation Bureau. So as not to cripple any office, a careful study was made, and selected employees were named for discharge.

  But employee "A" had much seniority, employee "B" was a veteran. Both "bumped" someone below them with less seniority. "We discovered," said McKay wryly, "that we would wind up by firing the elevator operators."

- **Vacancies**—And while Interior was having trouble getting rid of people, the Corps of Engineers announced plaintively that it had jobs paying $3,000 to $5,940 a year going begging.

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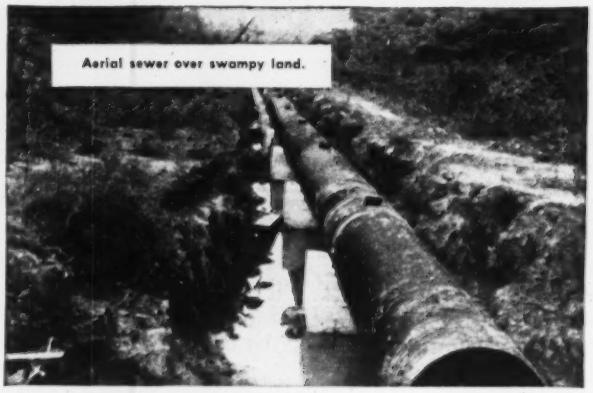
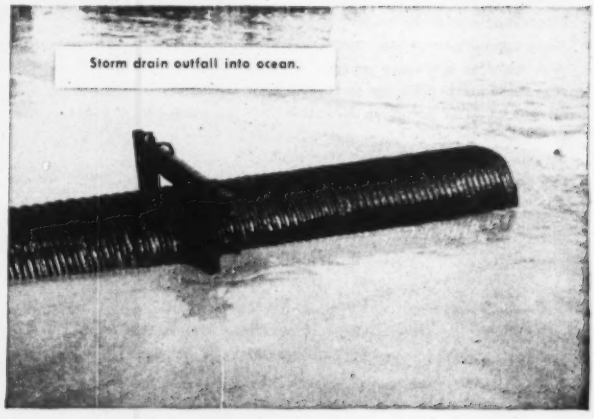

Aerial sewer over swampy land.


Storm drain outfall into ocean.

Both industrial and housing construction are hit by a tight money market and it may be some time yet before the market eases—or the government moves to loosen up the supply of credit (see page 85).

Government agencies are keeping their eyes on the situation. The Administration isn't ready to turn around on its hard money policy, but it has no intention of letting the market get any tighter, either. The Federal Reserve Board, for instance, plans to expand lending capacity of the banks to take care of seasonal demands for business loans—"but only in line with actual needs."

Tight money is threatening another round of aluminum expansion, too. Olin Industries and the Wheland (Tenn.) Co., are telling government that they can't get private credit cheap enough to go through with another 150,000-ton expansion. They're asking for government loan assistance. Wheland had planned to build near Chattanooga, Olin's probable site was Morgantown, W. Va.

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Battle over Air Force cutbacks could hit construction. Opposition to the Eisenhower-Wilson cuts is growing. But it's too early to predict whether the Air Force-minded Republicans and Democrats can make the Administration ease off on the $5-billion reduction in the Air Force budget. However, if the pro-Air Force bloc succeeds in increasing the number of wings, it's bound to mean an increase in base and hangar construction that is required to house the larger force.

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The ever-present wrangle between Interior and Congress over the authorization for the Eklutna, Alaska, hydro project is now up to Undersecretary Ralph Tudor. He's been in Alaska studying the situation first-hand—and House Committee Chairman A. L. Miller says his group will go along with whatever solution Tudor proposes that will let construction continue.

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Power development at Niagara Falls is snarled up between private and public antagonists. Legislation seeking to award the development to five New York private companies is being opposed by New York's Governor Dewey, and New York's Democratic New Dealers, Sen. Lehman and Rep. Roosevelt. Dewey and the Democrats are set to meet to lay strategy.

Dewey wants New York to build the project. Though they have favored federal development, Lehman and Roosevelt now are willing to go along with Dewey in order to defeat the private development proposal.

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Eisenhower's tough tax program is rousing a battle in Congress. Most congressmen and senators would like to see the Excess Profits Tax die the end of June—instead of voting to extend it six months. EPT is a brake on capital expansion—new plant construction.

The House—not the Senate—is the key to the situation and right now it's a question of whether Speaker Martin can muster more support for higher taxes than Ways and Means Chairman Reed can get for tax reduction. This week, both sides were predicting a victory.

Eisenhower will take his case to the people via a speech-making tour. White House strategists are buoyed up by a mail response running eight to one for the President.

Excess Profits Tax can still be voted even if June 30 deadline isn't met. There's ample precedent for making it retroactive—thus eliminating any time gap between expiration of the present law and the proposed extension.

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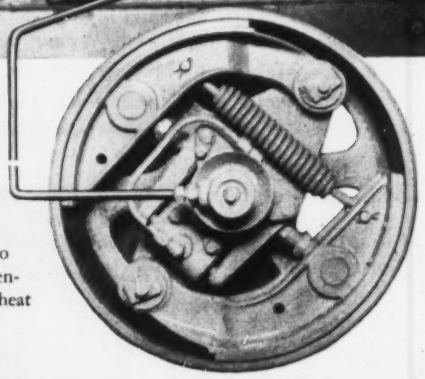

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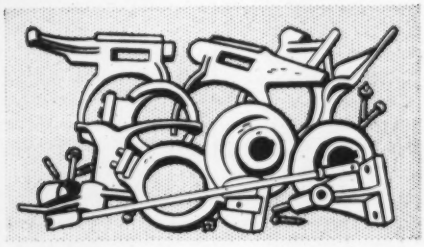

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Committee cuts the Administration's reduced requests by $78 million but resistance brews in Congress

The House Appropriations Committee has whacked a second slice off the 1954 request for Army civil functions. Coming after the Administration's big cut, the two slashes together left less than $400 million standing of the $660 million set up for rivers and harbors and flood control in Truman's January budget—a drop of nearly 40%.

The bill was to be acted on by the House this week.

Wiped out by the Appropriations Committee were requests for 24 projects. Adding the 20 previously denied by the Administration, the committee report rules out 44 projects and retains 54 on its list for construction funds in fiscal 1954. Among the projects dropped are all twelve new starts proposed by ex-President Truman.

• **Some reluctant economies**—Many a pet project fell before the economy knife. A restive House is likely to restore some of the cuts. Congressmen hate to see long-sought home projects held up. It took a three-hour session to get the committee to approve the bill. Some members voted to report the measure—but gave notice they would fight for funds on the floor.

And, of course, some of the cuts that hold intact through the House fight will be put back by the Senate. And the Senate will win its share of the arguments when the two versions of the bill get to conference for agreement on the final measure.

With all those allowances—the Appropriation Bill that finally passes Congress is going to be much smaller than Truman asked for. The 40% cut may be reduced to 30%, or maybe 25%, but new money for flood-control and rivers-and-harbors construction will be less than in any year since fiscal 1947.

• **Carryover funds high**—Practically all civil functions cuts come out of construction. The Administration slashed the original construction money request of $539 million by $169 million, reducing the figure to $370 million. From this amount, the committee lopped off another $78 million, bringing the construction request down to $292 million.

These reductions would not cut next year's construction expenditures in the same proportion. The Corps of Engineers expects to have a carryover of more than $260 million in unspent construction funds on June 30 the end of the current fiscal year. In reporting the Appropriation Bill, the committee explained that it had been able to make reductions by applying unexpended balances on individual projects. In other words, the committee expects the projects to keep on going on carryover funds plus the reduced additional expenditures.

• **Some projects face year delay**—But the program necessarily will be much smaller than Truman proposed. Construction spending under his budget in fiscal '54 had been estimated at $504 million. On the basis of the Eisenhower budget, with new starts eliminated and some jobs like Tuttle Creek and Table Rock stopped, the Corps of Engineers had estimated that it could spend $464 million on construction in 1954, through the use of unexpended balances.

But, if Congress should go along with the committee recommendation for a further cut of $78 million in 1954 construction funds, the spending next year would have to be held to less than $390 million. Some projects could move ahead on schedule, but many of them would have to slow down to fit decreased expenditures.

The same effect would be felt to lesser degree even under the Eisenhower budget, as explained to the committee by Army Undersecretary Earl D. Johnson. The Administration's cuts, he said, would lengthen the construction of some projects by a year or more, particularly several of the large multi-purpose dams, and would delay the scheduled dates for delivery of power. But for projects nearing completion, Johnson said, the Army aimed to follow the only sound procedure: complete them as fast as economical construction would permit. That purpose would be harder to carry out on the basis of committee reductions.

• **Administration defends position**—Johnson defended the Administration money requests as justifiable from all viewpoints. Lesser amounts, he said, would cause greatly increased cost, in the long run. He pointed out that the bulk of the 1954 expenditure will be on large projects that will continue their high rates on expenditure in 1955. In fact, Johnson made clear, the reductions in 1954 appropriations will have to be made up, to some extent, in the money voted a year from now for fiscal 1955.

The committee endorsed in full the Administration requests for only 24 construction projects. Among these approvals is $8.25 million for Oahe Dam, first excluded, later added.

• **Reduce funds on 30 jobs**—For 30 other projects, the committee recommended amounts less than asked by the Administration in its revised budget. These additional cuts, if they stick, could have the effect of further delaying construction and power delivery at eleven of the large multi-purpose projects being built by the Corps of Engineers.

Here are the eleven multi-purpose projects cut by the committee, with downward progression in millions of dollars requested first by Truman, second by the Eisenhower Administration, and third by the House Appropriations group:

The Dalles Lock and Dam on the Columbia, $58.4 to $37.43 to $29.25.

Garrison Dam on the Missouri, $39 to $31 to $27.

Fort Randall Dam on the Missouri, $22.7 to $14.7 to $11.

Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri, $17.8 to $12.1 to $10.

McNary Lock and Dam on the Columbia, $28.2 to $27.7 to $25.

Chief Joseph Dam on the Columbia, $30 to $25 to $23.

Albeni Falls Dam in Idaho, $7.7 to $7.2 to $6.

Buford Dam in Georgia, $9.1 to $8.5 to $5.

Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam in Florida and Georgia, $10.4 to $7.9 to $7.

Cheatham Lock and Dam on the Cumberland, $5.8 to $3.8 to $3.

Lookout Point Dam in Oregon, $20.4 to $20 to $18.

For six other multi-purpose projects, the committee approved money asked

by the Administration. These projects, with Truman requests in millions of dollars revised downward or left unchanged by the Eisenhower revisions, are:

Oahe Dam on the Missouri, $18.4 cut to $8.25; Folsom Dam in California, $14.8 cut to $9.8; Old Hickory Lock and Dam on the Cumberland, $18 to $12.6; Tenkiller Ferry Dam in Oklahoma, $0.3 to $0.1; Clark Hill Dam in Georgia and South Carolina, $2.25, left uncut; and John H. Kerr Dam in Virginia and North Carolina, also left intact.

• **Flood control trimmed**—In striking out funds for 24 projects that the Administration had included in its budget, the committee singled out three for which it wanted the Army Engineers to obligate no money. These three banned projects are Coraville Dam in Iowa, navigation improvements on the Missouri between Kansas City and Sioux City, and flood protection works on Amazon Creek in Oregon. The committee did not bar use of available funds on other authorized projects omitted from its list of new money.

Seven flood control dams, approved for reduced amounts in the Administration budget, were cut to new low levels by the committee. In its report, the committee okayed these amounts for three California dams: Whittier Narrows, $5 million; Pine Flat, $2.9 million, and San Antonio, only $240,000. It also cut three Texas dams: Texarkana to $5 million; Garza-Little Elm to $3.25 million, and Belton to $750,000. Lucky Peak Dam in Idaho was reduced to $1.4 million.

Among local flood protection projects, the Los Angeles drainage area (exclusive of Whittier Narrows Dam) was cut to $6 million by the committee. Five other large jobs were reduced to $1 million each: the Oklahoma City floodway; also protective works at Vincennes, Ind.; Wichita and Valley Center, Kan.; Covington, Ky., and Maysville, Ky. for Williamsport, Pa., the committee sliced its recommendation to $700,000.

On flood control construction for the Mississippi River and its tributaries, the committee went along with the Eisenhower budget figure of $37.9 million.

This sum represents a reduction of $10 million from the original Truman request for $47.9 million.

Two multi-purpose projects included in the Administration budget were deleted completely from the committee list. Both are in Arkansas, at Blakely Mountain and Bull Shoals. Eisenhower's budget had approved $5.5 million for Blakely Mountain, out of $6.5 million asked by Truman, and had endorsed the full request of $2 million for Bull Shoals.

Two large navigation projects that the Administration had approved were omitted entirely from the committee's list.

They include Cleveland Harbor Bridge alterations, for which Truman asked $4 million and Eisenhower $3 million, and improvement of the Missouri River from Omaha to Sioux City, originally a $6.5-million request reduced to $2.5 million in the revised budget.

Plans for Snake River dams ready

Idaho Power Co. is ready to undertake its proposed three-dam development of the Snake River in the 100-mi stretch of the river downstream from Weiser, Idaho.

The company last week filed applications with the Federal Power Commission for two of the dams and power plants. It had earlier filed an application for its Oxbow project on the Snake, and hearings are to resume July 7 on that application (ENR May 14, p. 23).

The company first announced its three-dam development plan last December but had applied for a federal license for only one of these—Oxbow—until last week.

Total estimated cost of the full company development plan is $134.3 million. Total installed capacity in the three power plants will be 772,400 kw. This compares with a cost of approximately $360 million and an installed capacity of some 900,000 kw for the Hell's Canyon project planned by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Applications for the two new projects differ slightly from earlier plans released for these projects.

The Brownlee project proposed by the company has an estimated cost $63.6 million and an installed capacity of 360,400 kw. This dam would have maximum height of 395 ft and would be approximately 1,700 ft long including the spillway. The reservoir would extend approximately 57½ mi upstream from the dam, with a top area estimated at 13,300 acres.

The Hell's Canyon project proposed by the company would cost an estimated $45.8 million and have an installed capacity of 272,000 kw. This dam would be about 320 ft high and approximately 1,100 ft long including the spillway.

Oxbow would cost about $24.9 million and have an installed capacity of 140,000 kw.

Pollution problems

$70.8 million in waste treatment plants needed in Missouri Basin states

The five downstream states of the Missouri River Basin need waste treatment facilities that would cost $70.8 million to control water pollution in the main stem of the Missouri River, according to a survey made public last week.

Missouri, which permits cities to discharge untreated sewage into the rivers, is listed as the worst of the five states in inadequacy of plants treating sewage and industrial wastes. It needs plant improvements costing $24.5 million as well as new legislation, it is reported.

The survey was made by state health departments of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, with the help of the United States Public Health Service and other federal agencies.

A comprehensive program for control of water pollution in the lower Missouri basin should be carried out by the co-operating states, and funds sufficient to maintain adequate staffs for this purpose should be provided the report declared.

Investigators concluded that waste-treatment needs in the five-state area call for 115 new municipal and 63 industrial plants; 40 municipal and three industrial plants should be expanded; 23 municipal plants should be replaced.

Seaway bill stays alive

U. S. participation in construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway project appears to be slowly progressing on two fronts—with the outcome still uncertain.

On the waterway portion of the project, a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee this week was preparing a report favoring a joint venture with Canada. The report is almost sure to back the Wiley Bill, which would provide for a federal development corporation to issue revenue bonds for financing U. S. construction.

Majority of the House Public Works Committee is holding up action on that side of Congress until the Senate moves.

On the power project, opponents of the New York State plan to build the U. S. portion of the project are still holding their fire. Federal Power Commission examiner's decision to license construction by the state (ENR May 21, p. 26).

Industrial building awards fall off but still exceed last year's rate

Market remains strong as corporate financing sets new record; backlog of jobs continues to mount

Industrial building contracts in the last two months have been running at a lower level than in the strong first quarter. But, as the industry keeps planning and raising money for new plants and expansions, there could hardly be a slump in the making.

ENR reports show industrial contract awards averaged $36 million weekly over the last eight-week period as against an $85-million weekly average in the first quarter. Awards for the first quarter were up 50% over the same period last year. But, March and April returns dropped the increase to 12% for the 21-week period.

Contracts have been holding fairly steady at $30 million to $40 million per week over the last two months. Two factors indicate continued stability and a little more than likely upswing. They are: (1) Corporate financing is at an all-time high (see chart), and (2) proposed work is sustaining the backlog at a high level (see table).

• **Capital investment zooms**—Despite a rapid advance in yields on new corporate debt issues and the dip in stock prices, capital investment is setting a record. The sale of corporate securities to finance new construction has topped $1.7 billion over the first 21 weeks of this year. This is 1% over last year's record for the similar period.

Admittedly, public utility expansion accounts for a whopping portion of this new money for financing construction. But, there's a good cross-section of industry represented as well.

• **Backlog builds up**—Striking another note of optimism for industrial building is this fact: Projects proposed in the first four months of this year carried an estimated value of $1.7 billion —a sensational 117% increase over the estimated cost of proposals made in the corresponding period in '52.

As a result, the ENR backlog of industrial construction at the end of April stood at $11.1 billion. That's $1.8 billion above April '52 and $500 million better than December '52. (It's only slightly lower than the peak of $11.2 billion reached in March of this year.)

• **Texas out in front**—States between the Mississippi and the Rockies have the biggest backlog of industrial construction projects. And, Texas accounts for $2.2 billion of the $4.1-billion backlog in that area. Indeed, Texas tops all other states.

The backlog in this region also has been the fastest growing. It climbed $1.1 billion in the year ended this April.

The South and Far West, with project proposals amounting to $1.7 and $1.1 billion, respectively, each show an increase in their backlog of more than $300 million since April '52.

The Mid-Western states have a $2.5-billion backlog, which is a little higher than a year ago but which has been sinking slowly since the end of '52.

Contract awards for public utility construction in the first four months of this year amounted to $429 million, a threefold increase in volume over the same period last year. This included Indiana-Kentucky Electric Co.'s $280-million generating plant at Madison, Ind.

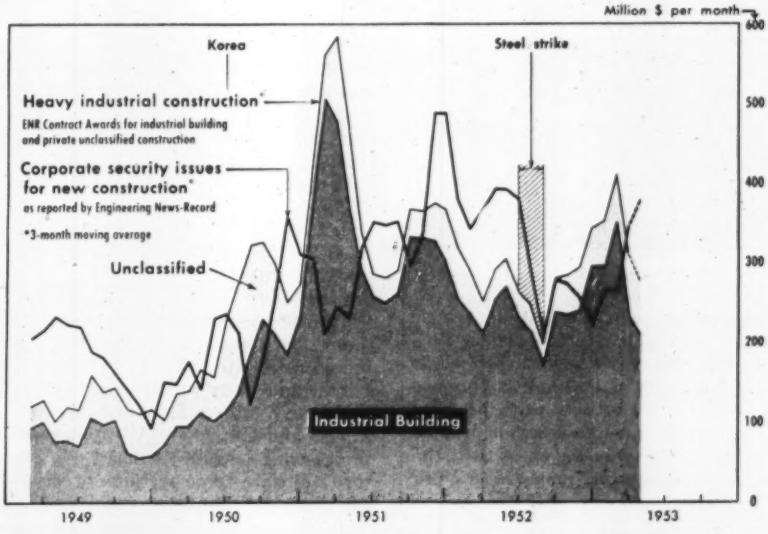
INDUSTRIAL BUILDING BACKLOG
(APRIL '53)
(in millions)

Region	Backlog	Increase (Over 1952)
U. S. Total	$11,084	1,747
New England	178	237*
Middle Atlantic	1,489	81
South	1,723	340
Middle West	2,475	135
West of Mississippi	4,123	1,104
Far West	1,096	324

*Decrease

• **Chemical industry keeps going**—Next biggest purchaser of new plant this year has been the chemical industry. It has let contracts totaling $399 million during the first four months. This is a little higher than in the 1952 period. That chemical plant construction is still going strong is significant in view of the fact that it accounted for more contract volume than any other industry in the years 1949-52.

Thus far, the food industry is another big feature in this year's industrial building picture. Contracts totaling $75 million have been let for 114 food processing plants around the country. This is more than four times the dollar volume of contracts let in the first four months of last year.



N. J. highway authority upheld on financing

The right of the New Jersey Highway Authority to issue $285 million in bonds backed by the state's credit to pay for construction of the Garden State Parkway was upheld by the state supreme court in a split decision this week.

Legality of the bond issue was challenged by a Cumberland County taxpayer, who contended the financing was an evasion of the state's debt limit. Five justices ruled in favor of the highway authority. Two wrote a dissenting opinion.

The Garden State Parkway, which will extend from near the New York state line in North Jersey to Cape May in South Jersey, is already under construction. Work was started by the state highway department before the authority was created last year.

California counters Arizona's claims to water under Colorado River pact

California has sent to the U. S. Supreme Court its answer to Arizona's request to the court that it settle the long-standing dispute between the two states over the amount of water each can divert from the Colorado River according to terms of the Colorado River Compact.

In its plea (ENR Aug. 21, 1952, p. 25), Arizona had asked the court to take jurisdiction in order to clear its title to part of the water allocated to the lower basin states (chiefly Arizona and California) under the compact. Thus, Arizona could proceed with plans to use water to which California also claims title. One use would be for the Central Arizona project, which Congress has refused to approve until the dispute is settled.

California's reply to the Arizona action was filed by State Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

"The action of the State of Arizona in the original filing of its suit is welcomed by California," Attorney General Brown said, "because the eventual decree of the United States Supreme Court will clear the air for a better understanding between the two states.

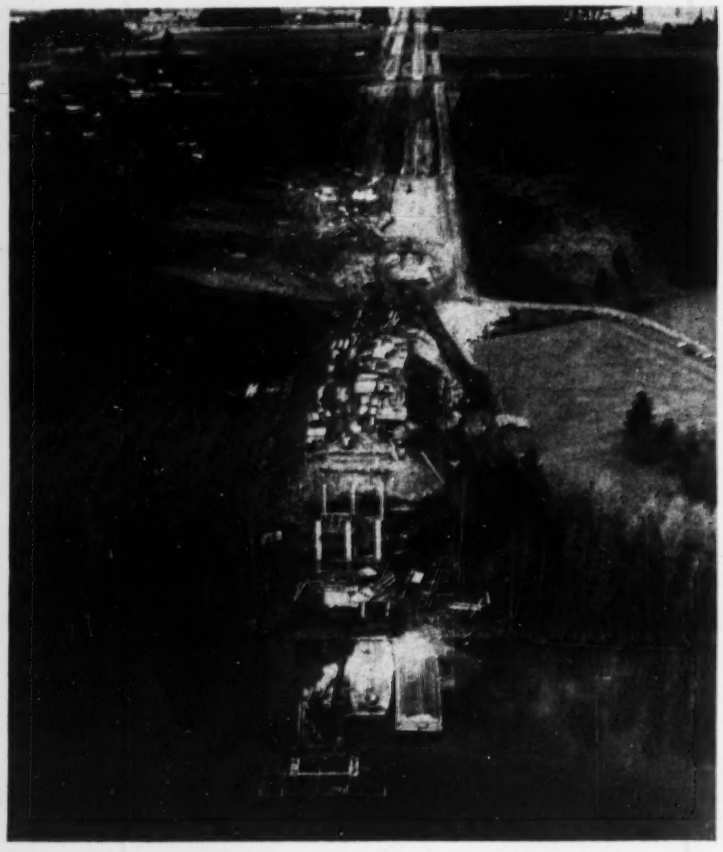
"We look forward to a final decision at the earliest possible date on the issues presented to the court. While the State of California entered into contracts with the federal government and exercised those contract rights to the water from the Colorado River, it still hopes to compose its differences with Arizona and to live as a friendly neighbor to a sister state. The destiny of the West is a challenge no state or its resources can meet alone."

California's plea to the Supreme Court is based not only on its contracts with the federal government for the delivery of 5,362,000 acre-ft annually, but on seniority of water rights, some of which have been established since 1877.

The answer recites the history of the Colorado River Compact and the Boulder Canyon Project Act and states that, because of Arizona's refusal in 1929 to ratify the compact, California was required to adopt an act limiting its use of Colorado River water in order to clear the way for the compact to become effective as a six-state agreement.

Although the six-state compact was made effective by presidential proclamation on June 25, 1929, the answer declares that Arizona took no action on the compact until some years later, on Feb. 24, 1944.

The answer points out that the California act limiting that state's use of Colorado River water became effective only because Arizona rejected the seven-state compact in 1929. Arizona is called upon to show how it can claim the benefits of the California limitation act and also be a party to the seven-state compact.



Bringing cities closer

Portland-Salem expressway moves another step toward completion with this stretch of four-lane highway construction. Substructure work for a new $1.6-million Willamette River bridge can be seen in the foreground. New sections of the controlled-access highway, which will shorten the road distance from Portland to Oregon's capital city from 52 to 47 mi, will fill gaps totaling 11 mi between parts that were built before the war curtailed the project. Eventually a terminal section will be built at the Portland end to speed traffic through the city. In the Salem area, the expressway will connect with a 10-mi $2.5-million by-pass to be completed in 1954.

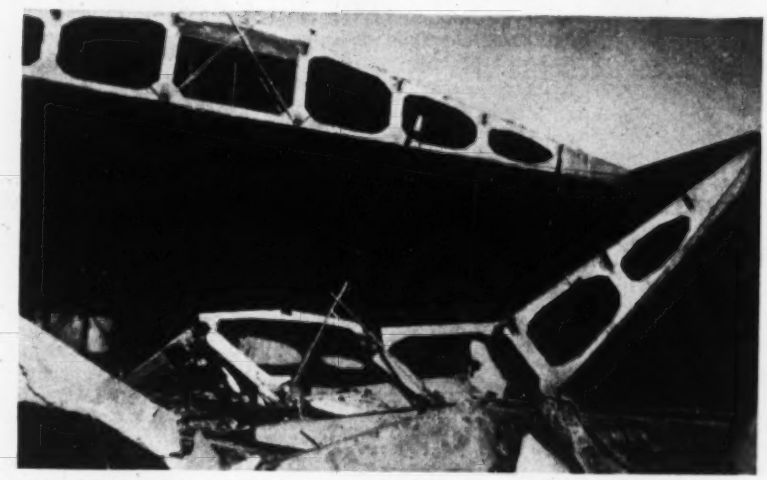
New Oklahoma turnpike has prosperous start

Oklahoma's $38-million, 88-mile Turner Turnpike—longest toll road west of the Mississippi—began operations several weeks ago as a real hit attraction.

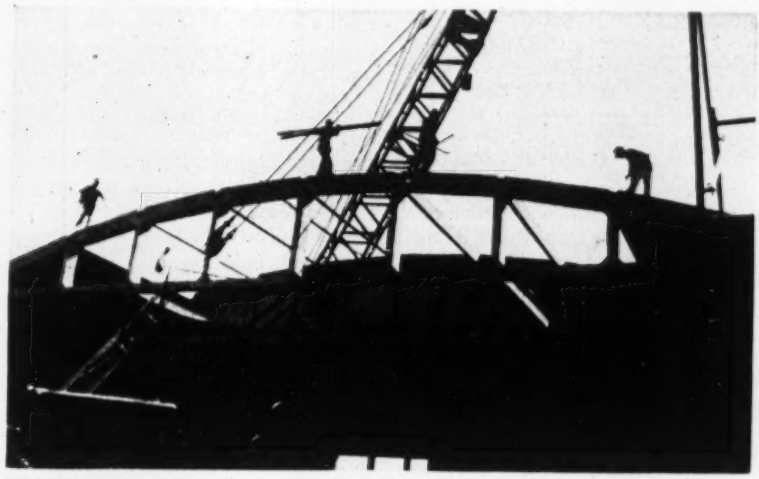
More than 20,000 vehicles, yielding about $24,000 in toll receipts, tried out the new highway linking Tulsa and Oklahoma City on the opening weekend, May 14-15. A daily average of 5,000 cars has been estimated as necessary to meet the project's financial obligations. The 88-mile trip costs $1.40.

The asphaltic concrete turnpike has two 24-ft roadways, with 12-ft stabilized bituminous shoulders and a grassed 15-ft median strip. A controlled-access highway, it has a maximum speed limit of 70 mph and a minimum of 40 mph.

Exit and entry points are at Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Sapulpa, Bristow, Stroud and Chandler. All paving and bridge work is completed but contractors still have some sections of shoulder work to complete.



CONCRETE ROOF TRUSSES with prestressed chords failed when partly loaded. Vierendeel trusses spanning 80 ft lacked a vertical member at midspan, required diagonal bracing there shortly after erection.



REDESIGNED TRUSSES are reinforced with high-bonded bars; have vertical member at midspan. Otherwise, general dimensions are the same as in original design.

Failure of warehouse trusses probed

California licensing board investigates charges that concrete roof members were improperly designed

Charges that improper design was responsible for failure of prestressed concrete Vierendeel trusses in a Lodi, Calif., warehouse are under investigation by the California State Board of Registration for Civil and Professional Engineers.

J. J. Polivka of Berkely, Calif., designer of the trusses, faces possible revocation or suspension of his civil engineer license, if the charges are substantiated. It marks the first time in the board's 24-year history that it has had to act on such a case. Polivka has had more than 40 years experience in research and consulting work both in the U. S. and abroad.

The probe is based on a complaint filed by H. W. Hansen of L. A. Hansen & Sons of Fresno, Calif., general contractor for construction of the reinforced concrete warehouse for the Community Grape Corp. of Lodi. Polivka was retained to make the design by Penner & Bolhm, also of Fresno, subcontractors for the winery warehouse job.

The structure was about 90% complete last October when it collapsed. The accident occurred at night, so nobody was injured and there were no witnesses.

The trusses in question were 80 ft long of Vierendeel concrete type (these have no diagonals; members are designed to take bending stresses as well as direct stresses). Both top and bottom chords were prestressed with steel wires bonded to the concrete throughout their length. The 16-in.-wide bottom chord had ten ¼-in.-round wires stressed to 120,000 psi. The top chord had only four 1¼-in. wires. Some bar reinforcing also was included. The trusses had vertical members at various points across the span but not at the midpoint.

Some difficulty had been encountered with the trusses before the collapse. Additional wires had been placed on the bottom chords outside of the concrete. Diagonal steel straps had been added to reinforce the middle bay of the trusses.

Collapse occurred when part of the precast-concrete roof had been placed. Four trusses went down, leaving only one of the trusses erected in place. This was partly supported by timber shores.

The warehouse roof has since been rebuilt to the same general dimensions using a new design prepared by Mark M. Falk, San Francisco consulting structural engineer.

The new design generally followed the old to make maximum use of building elements already in place or cast—such as the precast purlins and roof slabs. But, it places a vertical element at mid-span. It also calls for high-bond reinforcing bars instead of prestressing wires. New trusses are some two tons heavier than the original ones.

Old structures suffered most tornado damage

Most buildings devasted by the tornado which struck Waco, Tex., killing 113 and injuring 500 others, were built under old, inadequate building codes. Eight months ago, the city adopted the model building code of the Southern Building Officials Conference, which will be adhered to rigidly in reconstruction and future new building.

Figuring largely in the $50-million damage were buildings dating back to 1890 or before, which were constructed of lime mortar, sand bricks, wood decks and joists. The worst disaster occurred in a building whose roof had been jacked up to provide two additional floors.

Reconstruction plans got off to a quick, decisive start in Waco, where a voluntary rebuilding committee, composed of architects, merchants and bankers, is devising a master plan for unified reconstruction of the business area. Provision for roof-top parking on the new buildings is one feature of the modernization program that is now being developed.

Still at odds

Raritan River factions find no agreement as upstream group's report is released

The upstream faction on a divided and polluted Raritan River unveiled its engineers' recommendation for an intra-county sewerage authority in Somerville, N. J., last week. A comparison of their proposal and the earlier proposal of the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority for an inter-county trunk sewer was drawn.

Before comparing costs, engineers for the Somerset County Citizens Committee on Water Supply and Pollution noted that about 55% would have to be added to annual charges estimated earlier by Middlesex County consultants. They had included no impounding reservoir, deemed necessary to low-flow regulation by Somerset County; they had figured on a 2¾% interest rate instead of a "more realistic minimum" of 3¼% used by Somerset; they had planned to retire no bonds during the first 5 years of a 40-year issue, making higher annual charges to be spread out over the remaining 35 years.

Comparing the plans on "an equal basis," annual charges to Somerset communities and industries appear to aggregate about 25% higher for the valley-wide trunk sewer than they would for the Somerset County plan.

Sheppard T. Powell and Witman, Requardt and Associates had presented the Somerset plan May 5. With this report in hand, the Somerset County citizens group adopted a resolution reaffirming its opinion that a regional authority appointed by the governor might be the best solution. But seeing no such solution possible in the near future, it recommended: Prompt organization of a county sewerage authority, and prepration and execution of a fair service contract to carry out the proposed plan.

The plan includes a $7.75-million investment in reservoir, trunk sewer and treatment plant to provide complete (secondary) treatment of 28 mgd before its return to the Raritan for re-use. The $227,000 cost per mgd of capacity completely treated is compared with a cost of $463,000 per mgd capacity for primary treatment, chlorination and dispersion into salt water, with no compensating water facilities, in the original Middlesex County Sewerage Authority plan for a $30-million project which was designed to handle 65 mgd.

While people of Somerset County were left to reflect on the findings of their engineers last week the Middlesex Authority was plugging away at its task of signing participants into its independent $22.5-million project.

At week's end all but one industry and three communities of a possible 21 participants were in line. New Brunswick, largest city involved, was still on the fence and still the key factor in settling whether or not the Middlesex plan will become a construction job.

Toll road study authorized

The Michigan legislature has authorized Gov. G. Mennen Williams to appoint a four-member turnpike authority, which will include State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler. Under a $500,000 grant from the State Highway Department, the new authority will survey proposals for a toll route out of Detroit for Chicago and another for Toledo, continuing northward 105 mi to Bay City. Once the feasibility of either project is agreed upon, the turnpike body is empowered to sell bonds and begin construction. The study is expected to take eight months.

Rappahannock bridge

The Virginia State Highway Department is preparing for construction of a $13.5 million toll span across Rappahannock River between Grey's Point and Whitestone, near the mouth of the river. It has contracted with Modjeski & Masters of Harrisburg, Pa., for engineering services. Bids for construction of approach trestles are scheduled to be advertised July 1. September 1, 1954, has been set as a tentative date for receiving bids for revenue bonds to finance the project.

Road materials test

A detailed comparison of portland cement and asphaltic concrete paving will be made on a 4-mi section of Oklahoma highway.

The test, authorized by a state legislative act, is to provide the State Highway Department with construction and maintenance cost data. A 40-member committee, including 10 state legislators, will be appointed to evaluate the results and report to the legislature regularly.

Tentative plans call for laying the test road, each side to be surfaced by one of the two materials from Witcher, at the west end of the Turner Turnpike north to Bradbury corner at the intersection of U. S. 66 and U. S. 77. This section is favored for the test because both sides of the highway have about an equally heavy traffic load and similar soil conditions.

Niagara Falls

New regulatory works proposed to improve distribution of flow

Construction of additional regulatory works above Niagara Falls to obtain better distribution of the flow is proposed by the International Joint Commission in a report just filed with the U. S. Department of State and the Canadian Department of External Affairs.

This report was called for under the 1950 treaty between the two countries setting up new regulations relating to the use of waters of the Niagara River.

The new projects would be a continuation of work done between 1942 and 1947 to permit increased diversions of water for power for national defense and increase the flow over the American Falls. That project consisted of building a submerged weir which was located about one mile above the Horseshoe Falls.

Now proposed are three additional undertakings:

(a) Construction of a structure to control the level of the Chippewa-Grass Island pool. It would be built 225 ft downstream from the existing weir and would extend 1,550 ft out into the river. The structure would consist of piers together with movable gates.

(b) An excavation in the Horseshoe Cascade lying immediately upstream from the Canadian flank of the Horseshoe Falls, and a crest fill on that flank which would be about 100 ft in length.

(c) Another excavation in the Horseshoe Cascade immediately upstream from the Goat Island flank of the Horseshoe Falls and a crest fill on that flank which would extend approximately 300 ft.

The control structure is estimated to cost $14,594,000, and the excavations and fills, $1,582,000 and $1,360,000, respectively.

Immediate start on the work is recommended so that it can be completed before Canada is ready to put its new power plant into service. Without these new facilities, that plant could not be put into full service without cutting the flow over the falls below the minimum set in the 1950 treaty.

The commission also proposes establishment of a control board to supervise the operation of the control structure. One of the chief functions of this board would be to make certain that diversions for power do not reduce the flow over the falls below the minimum set in the treaty.

Photo by de Lay

THE DALLES DAM site, viewed from upriver, shows the diversion cofferdam and powerhouse excavation on the right bank (Washington side) of Columbia River. Visible just beyond the bend of the river is construction for Wasco (Ore.) County's $3.5-million toll bridge, a project of the Atkinson-Ostrander firms which are also engaged in the second phase dam construction. Oregon's Mt. Hood can be seen in the background with the city of The Dalles, just below.

Columbia River project moves foward

Low bid on substructure work at The Dalles Dam figures $6.4 million below government estimate

Construction will be stepped up on The Dalles Dam project on the Columbia River as a result of bids having been opened last week covering powerhouse substructure and assembly bay. Nine construction companies of Minnesota, Iowa and Montana combined to submit the low bid of $29.8 million—$6.4 million under the government estimate.

Bids for this third phase of the Corps of Engineers $350-million project originally were called in February for April 1 opening, but were postponed while the Defense Department reviewed the request for funds as required by the Budget Bureau.

Already crews of S. A. Healy Co., White Plains, N. Y., which holds the initial $4.8-million contract, and Guy F. Atkinson Co., and Ostrander Construction Co., which jointly hold a $14.4-million contract, have changed the topography of the Washington bank of the project site. These firms expect to complete excavation for spillways, tailgates and approach channel by November.

Joining in the low bid for the third phase construction were: Winston Brothers Co., Minneapolis; McLaughlin Inc. Great Falls, Mont.; F & S Contracting Co., Butte, Mont.; Johnson, Drake & Piper Co., Inc., Minneapolis; Donovan Construction Co., St. Paul; C. F. Lytle Co., Sioux City, Iowa; S. Birch & Sons Construction Co., Great Falls; Foley Brothers, St. Paul; and Fegles Construction Co. Ltd., Minneapolis.

Baldwin-Lima Hamilton holds a $19.9-million contract for building turbines, the largest single order for hydraulic equipment ever placed by the government or a private hydroelectric dam builder. The Dalles is scheduled to have initial installed capacity of 1,222,000 kw and the first two generators are to be turning in November, 1957.

Spending slowdown

Massachusetts puts brake on road contract awards

The pace at which Massachusetts has been carrying forward a multi-million dollar highway construction program has been slowed down considerably as a result of the change in administration last January.

Of $353 million available for expenditure in 1953-55, only $26.6 million has been marked for commitment thus far. And, of this sum, only $16.4 million is for projects scheduled to start this year.

Though in favor of fulfilling the ambitious road building undertaking, Gov. Christian Herter has applied the brakes to contract awards in order that projects initiated by the previous regime may be examined in detail.

Review of the many projects in various stages of planning and development got a late start because the new state highway commissioner, John A. Volpe, head of the Boston construction firm of that name, did not take over his duties until early in March.

Last year contract awards amounted to some $60 million and in 1951 the figure was $80 million.

Since 1948, Massachusetts has authorized $600 million in bond issues for highway building. Of this amount, $200 million in bonds will be issued by the newly created toll road authority.

This agency, headed by the previous state highway commisisoner, William F. Callahan, is authorized to build a new highway across the state from Boston to the New York state border. It looks as though the project faces a considerable delay, however, because of forthcoming hearings on route details. Strong objections have been raised by several suburban communities on the west side of Boston to various features of two alternate route proposals.

Toll highway approved

Construction of the Connecticut $200-million plus cross-state toll highway has been approved by the state legislature. The project includes the Fairfield County Thruway, a relocation of Route 1, connecting with the New York State Thruway at Greenwich and running to West Haven; and an extension through eastern Connecticut to Killingley at the Rhode Island border. The measure, signed by Gov. John Lodge last week, provides for use of gas taxes in the event that toll receipts are insufficient to amortize the bonds.

Exemption killed

Senate Labor Committee proposes T-H changes similar to S. 1973 of 1952

Any chance of exempting the construction industry from the Taft-Hartley labor law is dead. Instead, Congress is likely to pass something like the Taft-Humphrey bill that passed the Senate just a year ago. That is, if any Taft-Hartley amendments get through this session.

This has happened:

Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, has given up on the bill (S. 1785) he introduced on April 28 exempting construction from the federal labor statute. Too much opposition to it:

Contractors were concerned about being left without protection against secondary boycotts.

The AFL Building and Construction Trades Department wasn't too keen for this move because the closed shop restrictions in 13 states would still apply (ENR May 7, p. 28).

And the AFL proper, the CIO, John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and other union sources were downright opposed to the exemption because it gave special treatment to one branch of organized labor.

• **Revision**—A "staff committee print" of a revised Taft-Hartley law, prepared for Republican members of the Senate Labor Committee, contains Taft's 1953 version of the Taft-Humphrey bill.

This would let contractors make pre-job agreements with unions without bargaining elections and force workers to join the union after seven instead of the usual 30 days, as S. 1972 which passed the Senate did last year. But Sen. Robert A. Taft made this change: He would not set aside for the construction industry the Taft-Hartley provision which lets state "right to work" laws prohibiting compulsory unionism take precedence over Taft-Hartley in the 13 states where they exist. The version did set aside those laws so that building trades unions could make union shop agreements in those states.

The AFL building trades favor the original version which passed the Senate.

The Building Trades Executive Council passed a resolution to that effect this week and sent a committee to the AFL Executive Council—then in session—to seek its support. The AFL Executive Council gave its support and a letter to that effect was going to be sent to Senate and House Labor Committees by AFL President George Meany.

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SEN. H. ALEXANDER SMITH (R.-N.J.) dropped exemption for construction

The "staff committee print" also would drop the mandatory feature of the secondary boycott injunction, making it discretionary on the part of the National Labor Relations Board to seek an injunction in secondary boycott situations. That is not surprising, because Taft himself has expressed himself in favor of this.

What is surprising, however, is that the committee print knocks out the section under which NLRB decides jurisdictional disputes. This section was largely responsible for the construction industry and the building trades setting up the Jurisdictional Joint Board in 1948.

However, the "staff committee print" is not supposed to be indicative of what the committee majority has in mind.

Sen. Smith explained that it is just a "working paper" for discussion purposes.

The Republican members of the committee have not committed themselves to any of the provisions contained in the print. In fact, some will be opposed outright. Notably a section which would extend the non-Communist affidavit to employers as well as union leaders. Taft and others already have said this would be meaningless in combating communism in labor unions.

Strike picture

St. Louis, Youngstown jobs are latest to be struck by wage-seeking union men

Transportation of building materials in the St. Louis area was halted last week by a strike of 1,200 AFL truck drivers in a wage dispute with contractors and building material firms.

If the walkout continues, it is expected that all commercial and residential building in the area will shut down.

Projects now in construction total about $75 million, it was estimated by Henry S. Till, Jr., executive secretary of the Associated General Contractors.

The strike is against 30 building material firms, and two associations—AGC and the Home Builders Assn.

Pickets were posted at material yards and plants, but not on construction jobs.

Other building crafts continued working and presumably will remain on the job as long as materials are available.

A union committee negotiating with the dealers had demanded an increase of 25 cents an hour, six paid holidays, longer vacations and changes in working conditions. The materials firms had offered an increase of 7½ cents an hour above the $2.12½ paid under a contract which expired April 30.

The AGC offered 10 cents an hour above the old scale of $1.90. The union demanded an increase of 15 cents an hour, plus 5 cents an hour for "heavy hauling."

A spokesman for the Home Builders said that the drivers had demanded an increase of 32½ cents and were offered 7½ cents. The old scale for the group was $1.85.

• **Youngstown, Ohio**—More than $2.5 million worth of major construction was halted by a walkout of five AFL building trades unions which has idled about 1,500 workers.

All the walkouts involve union demands for pay measures about 12½ cents an hour.

Largest union in the walkout is the laborers' union.

Four of the 19 building crafts, including carpenters, plumbers, electricians and painters, have already signed new contracts. A building trades spokesman explained that the 1953 pattern is a 12½-cent boost for major crafts and 7½ cents for others.

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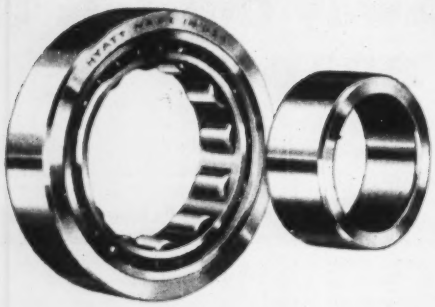

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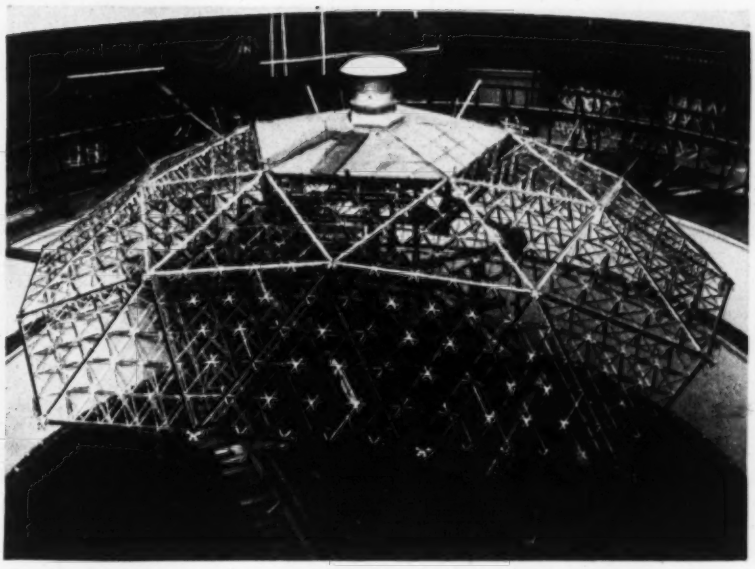


UMBRELLA-LIKE, the aluminum frame of the dome over the inner court of the Ford Rotunda, Dearborn, Mich., was built out from a central mast.

Dome built on rotating jig

Prefabrication and a clever cantilever method of construction greatly simplified erection of a hemispherical, trussed dome made of more than 21,000 light-gage aluminum members. The dome spans 93 ft over the inner court of the Ford Rotunda, in Dearborn, Mich.

The gateway to the Ford Motor Co. Rouge plant, the building has just been remodeled for exhibits, as part of the observance of the company's 50th anniversary. (The 110-ft high structure was built in 1934 for the Chicago World's Fair and later moved to Dearborn.)

Prior to the remodeling, the inner court of the building had no roof. Since it is now desirable that exhibits be displayed in all kinds of weather, Ford officials decided to have the court roofed. But they wanted an impressive ceiling, in keeping with the rest of the attractive interior designed by the W. B. Ford Design Corp., Detroit. A dome seemed to fit the requirement.

• **Lightweight construction**—To minimize the load on the existing structure, aluminum was selected for the structural frame of the dome. With most members only 0.04 in. thick, the total weight of the frame is about 8.5 tons. (The designer claims a conventional steel structure the same size would weigh 160 tons.)

Further to keep weight down, and also to admit light, the exterior of the dome is covered with a translucent, polyester-resin plastic reinforced with glass fibers. Only 0.04 in. thick, this covering weighs about 0.4 psf. Original plans called for a suspended ceiling, but a later decision eliminated it.

The dome trusses are made of 24S-T3 aluminum alloy, which was given a very thin integral facing of pure aluminum to prevent corrosion. Web and chord members were joined by cold-riveting with ⅛-in. dia 17S-T4 aluminum alloy rivets. The trusses were connected by stainless steel bolts.

• **Trusses are space frames**—Assembly of the dome commenced with the fastening together of struts in groups of three to form triangles. Next, three triangles were joined together with three struts to produce an octahedron, a three-dimensional frame with eight triangular faces and six vertices.

INTERIOR DOME climaxes a series of circles within circles forming the rotunda.

In turn, ten of these octahedrons were connected together to make a three-dimensional truss. In plan, this space frame was approximately an equilateral triangle with 14-ft sides. (The plastic outer covering was assembled in triangular sheets to fit these triangular trusses.) Finally, 160 such trusses were bolted together to form the dome.

• **Components**—Basic elements in this scheme are the 0.04-in. thick angle struts, of which almost 20,000 were required. About 3 ft long, they weigh ¼ lb apiece. Two types were supplied—a 70-deg angle for the horizontal tops and bottoms of the octahedrons, and a 110-deg angle for the vertical legs of these space frames. Sides of both types were ribbed for added strength.

A second important element is a six-arm aluminum hub that weighs about 5 lb. It was used at the intersections of vertices of the triangular trusses. A total of 91 hubs were needed.

Still another major element is the channel-shape chord, or spine, that spans between hubs, along the sides of the triangular trusses. Made of extruded aluminum, these units are 13 ft long and weigh 30 lb apiece; 250 were required.

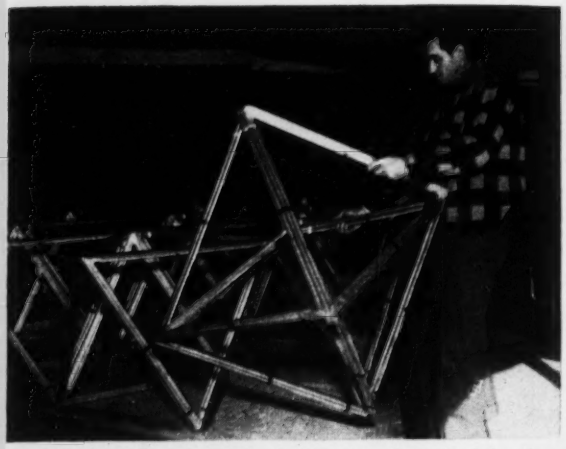
• **Assembly made easy**—Struts came to the job color-coded for ease in identifying and assembling. Workers merely had to match colors; no calculation, layout or cutting and fitting were needed at the site.

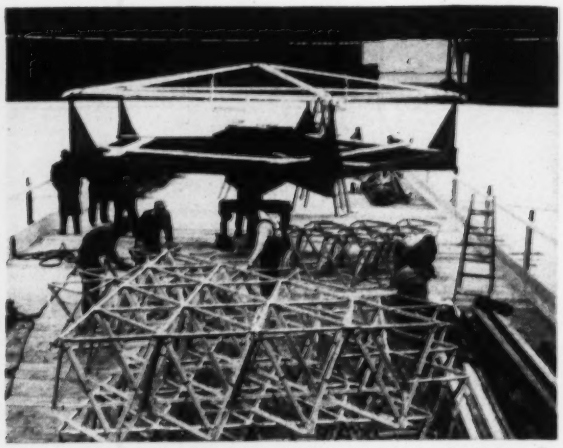
Parts were assembled on the rotunda roof around the perimeter of the inner court. There, jigs were set up on tables to simplify the work. Since the finished product—the triangular trusses—weighed only 57 lb apiece, the workmen had no difficulty in moving them to the erection site.

To erect the dome, the contractor built a steel-angle scaffold at the center of the court, up to the level of the dome base, 60 ft above the floor. At the top, he laid down a 30-ft wide wood platform along a diameter of the circular opening. A short run of steps connected the platform with the surrounding roof.

• **Rotating jig**—To enable the workmen to erect the dome from this platform, a cantilever method of construction was worked out by Ford's plant engineering office. Like an umbrella, the framework was built out from a central mast that could be rotated as trusses were added.

With the dome supported at the



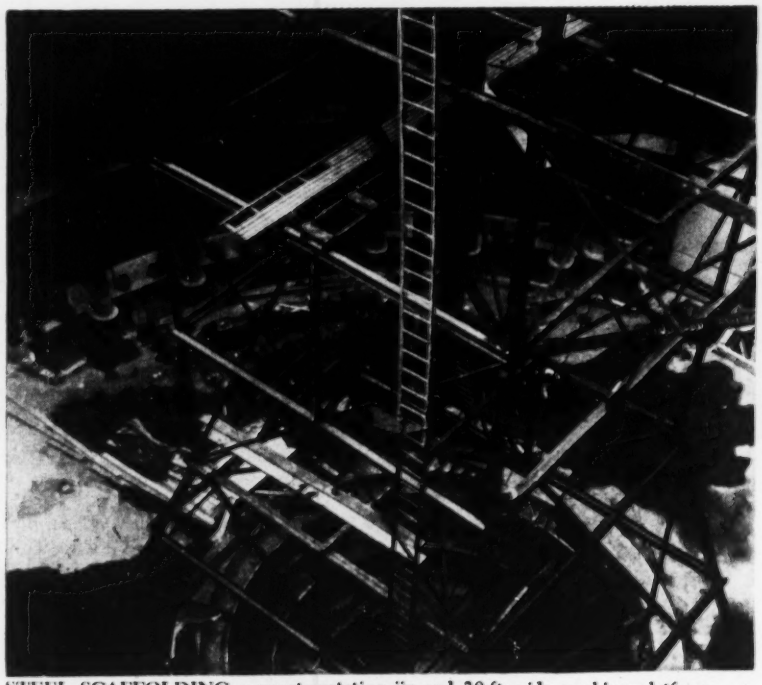


OCTAHEDRON composed of three triangles joined by three struts (left) is the basic building block of which the triangular trusses (right) were made. These trusses were assembled on a rotating jig (behind the trusses) to form the dome.

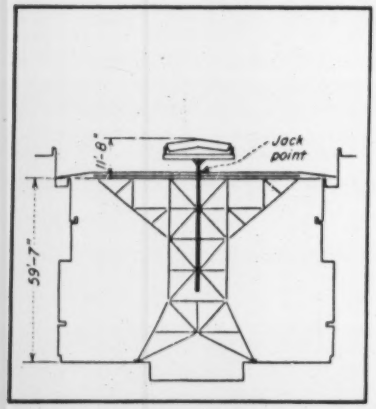
crown, successive circular rings, or collars, were erected from the platform. After each collar was completed, the mast was jacked up to make room for the next collar. The last ring of trusses was set with the outer sides resting on prepared steel supports on the court walls. A power ventilator was installed at the crown.

When the framing was completed, the plastic roof covering was fastened in place over it. Finally, an arched ladder was installed for emergency repairs, if needed. Hinged at the dome crown, it rolls around the dome enabling workmen to reach any point of the surface. When not needed, it can be retracted, so as not to block out daylight.

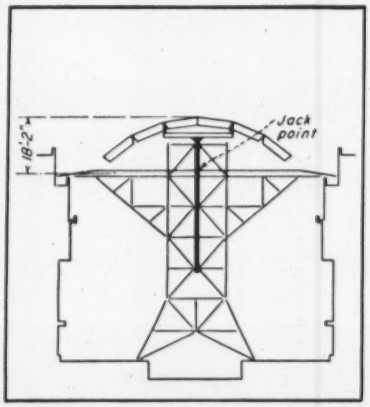
The dome was designed by R. Buckminster Fuller and associates, for whom George Welsh is project representative. Laucomer and Manser, Detroit, were the structural engineers. J. Brodie & Son, Inc., Oak Park, Mich., erected the dome. For the Ford Motor Co., J. A. MacAlarney is director of the Plant Engineering Office, and Frank J. McKenna is resident engineer.



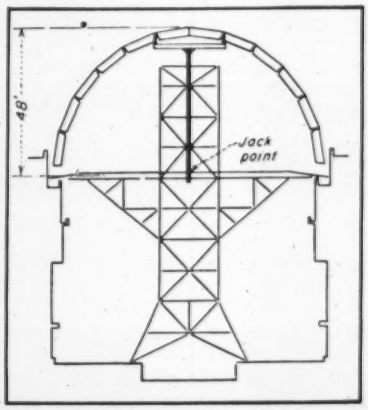
STEEL SCAFFOLDING supports rotating jig and 30-ft wide working platform.



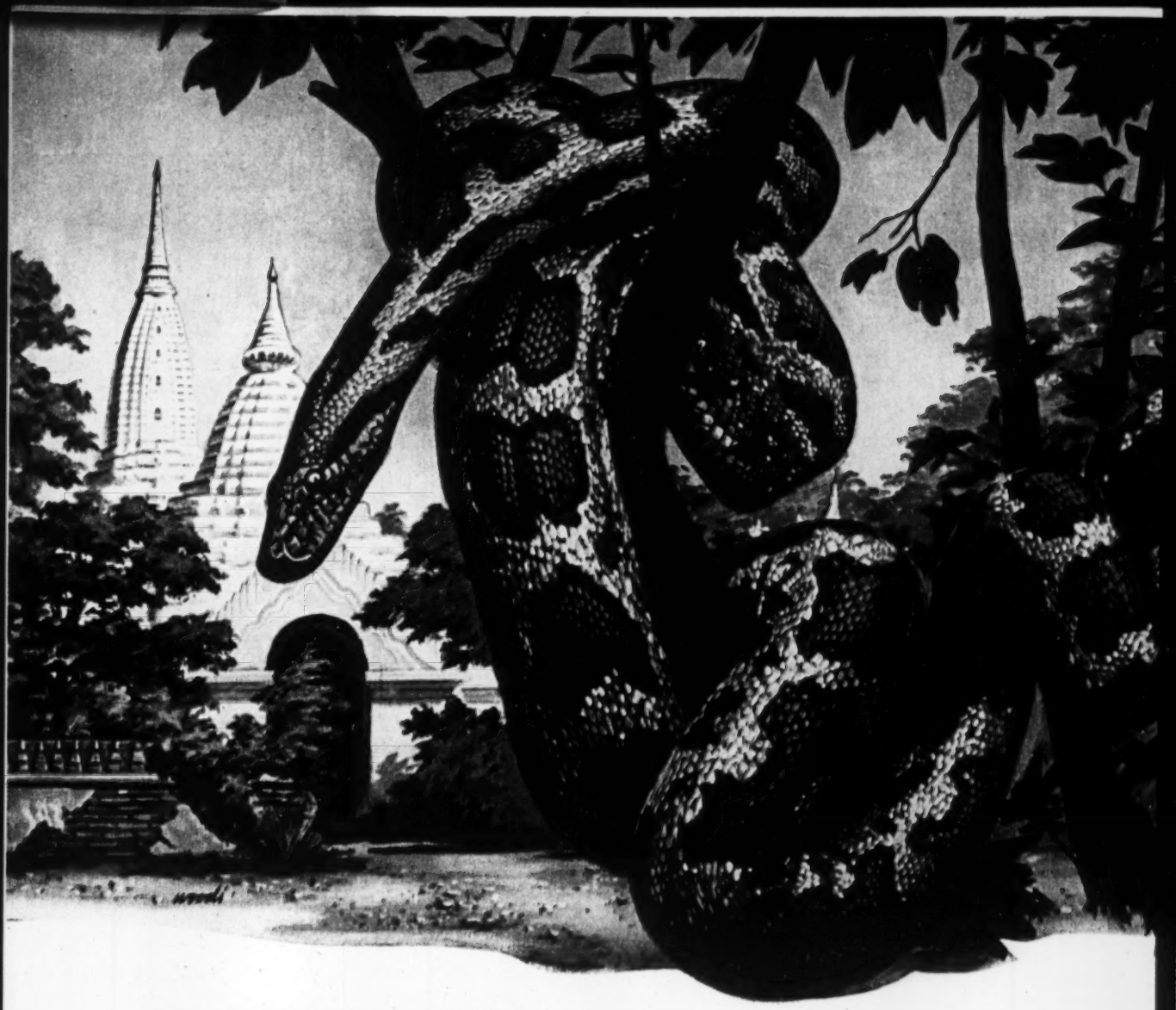
FIRST RING of triangular trusses was set on top of the rotating jig. Then . . .



MORE RINGS were added after mast was jacked up and scaffolding extended . . .



FINAL RINGS brought the dome out to prepared supports on court walls.



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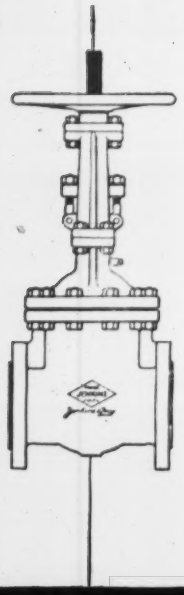

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Where composting stands

West Coast consultant analyzes age-old waste handling process as method of both recovery and disposal

Speaking at the recent Fifth Annual Pacific Northwest Industrial Waste Conference in Pullman, Wash., Richard R. Kennedy of the San Francisco firm of Clyde C. Kennedy, had this to say about composting:

"Unfortunately we have made less progress in solving the mechanical problems of composting than we have in understanding the biochemical process. Successful composting is simply a problem of material handling."

(Mr. Kennedy's contention seems substantiated by recent troubles in making the Frazer-Eweson process work at Bay Shore, N. Y. [ENR Apr. 23, p. 24].)

On the biochemistry of composting, Kennedy told the audience at State College of Washington that "while it may well be that there is some beneficial effect from special and secret cultures . . . the fact is that such inoculum is readily available in the soil, in drainage from compost piles, and even simply from the waste material itself."

(The "secret" cultures referred to would include those said to be necessary to the Compost Corporation of America process as devised by E. E. Pfeiffer and practiced at Oakland, Calif. For more information see [ENR June 26, 1952, p. 44].)

• **Still little gold in garbage**—It has not yet been proved that composting can be justified on the basis of waste recovery alone, but experimental studies indicate that net cost of composting may often be less than alternate methods of disposal, Kennedy said. He finds encouragement in current uses of composting for reducing cost of waste disposal.

"We now recognize the factors involved in the composting process," continued Kennedy. "They are aeration, time, moisture, particle size, temperature and chemical composition. P. H. McGauhey and C. G. Golveke recently have completed an analytical study at the University of California (soon to be published) in which they conclude that composting proceeds most efficiently in moist aerobic conditions. Anaerobic composting takes longer and forms more odors.

"Time it takes to complete composting is dependent to an extent on chemical composition—more specifically, the carbon-nitrogen ratio. In the composting process, says Kennedy, the C/N ratio is reduced from about 70 to 1 to 10 or 20 to 1. U. S. municipal garbage, if properly segregated and ground, will compost in only a few days because of its relatively high percentage of nitrogenous matter."

• **Organic vs. inorganic**—Lime to control acidity may be necessary in composting. And addition of inorganic chemical fertilizers to speed the process—sacrilege to organic farming enthusiasts—makes sense to Mr. Kennedy.

"Chemical fertilizers will be used, and indeed must be used, in order to meet the expanding food needs of the world," he said. Added inorganic nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium have their place in composting.

• **How to**—In composting by piling, University of California investigators see 40 to 60% as the optimum moisture range. Particle size must permit rapid movement of organisms through the mass. Piles must be big enough to retain heat; yet small enough to prevent compaction. Turning and mixing to keep aerobic conditions must be at about 3-day intervals. Temperatures will control themselves to a large extent—quickly reaching the pasteurization range of 140 to 160 deg F, then falling to 120 to 130 deg F in the finished compost. Stabilization should take place in 10 to 20 days, then the material can be piled high to await final processing, Kennedy said.

Calling upon engineers to use the same considerations in choosing a garbage disposal method that would apply to sewage disposal design, he stressed that "it is seldom possible . . . to reach up on the shelf and take down a ready-made process." The combination of unit operations in garbage disposal must be chosen by the engineer in light of many factors—including available market for recovered wastes.

• **Economics**—In no case where composting is used for recovery of wastes (mostly abroad) is it profitable as a recovery process. It is justified simply in many of these applications because of higher priced inorganic fertilizers, said Kennedy.

However, in the U. S. any recovery undertaking must produce a fertilizer at a cost comparable with the cost of an equal amount of chemical fertilizers. And he sees no immediate hope of this. He reports that a recent visit to the Oakland operation found it "practically abandoned."

"The difficulty appears to be that the garbage, after processing, was actually 'golden' in comparison with the cost of chemical fertilizers."

Mr. Kennedy's consulting firm has been working since 1948 with pilot plant investigations into possibilities of nitrogen fixation. Mr. Kennedy sees fixation of atmospheric nitrogen as one means of making composting economically feasible, if some practicable means can be found.

Composting as a means of reducing net disposal costs is seen by Kennedy as having special possibilities in industrial wastes, where homogeneity is an advantage.

In municipal operations, he believes it should be considered that recovered materials might be a partial credit against total cost of disposal. Milwaukee's Milorganite from sewage sludge does no more than reap income applied against the cost of its processing.

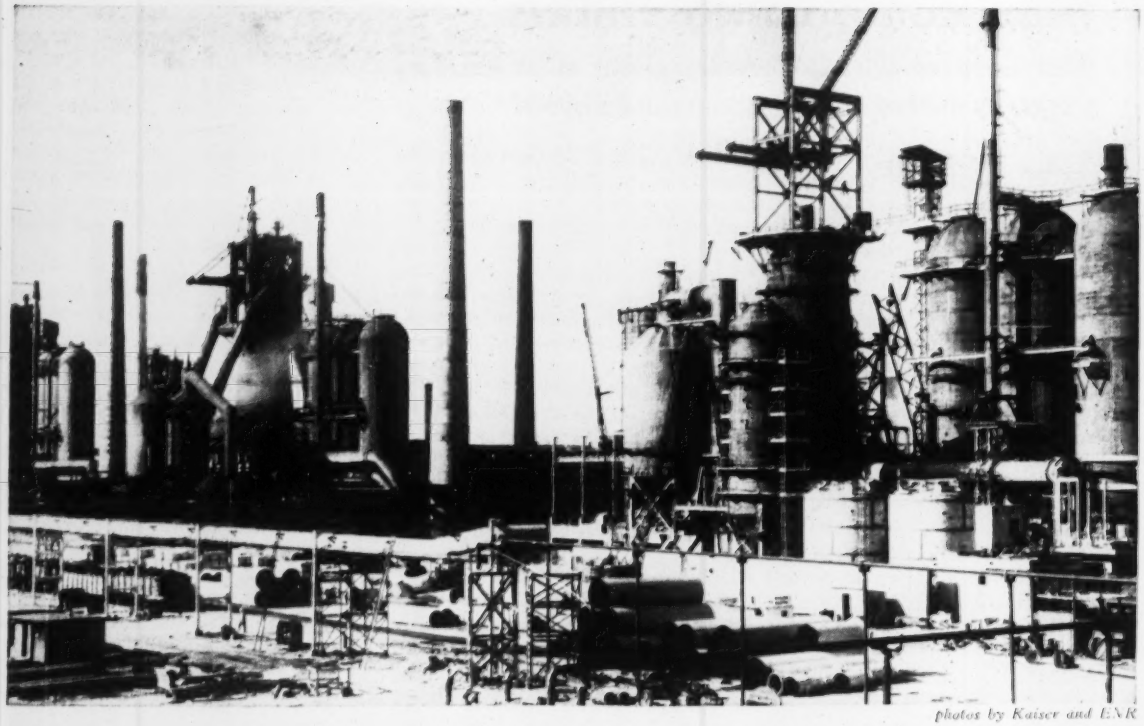
Industrial or municipal waste recovery must in every case be considered against comparative costs of other acceptable methods. Costs in California for landfill range from $0.33 to $1.57 per ton; for incineration, $2 to $4 per ton; and University of California investigators put composting costs at $9 to $10 per ton of raw refuse. Thus, concludes Kennedy, a return of $6 to $10 per ton of raw refuse must be obtained from sale of compost (exclusive of sales costs) if composting is to be complete. Assuming compost might command at least the $18 to $24 price now received for dried and ground sewage sludge in Southern California, he sees a possible net return of $9 to $12 per ton and thus calls composting worth considering along with other waste disposal methods.

Army Engineers study St. Louis flood control

Army Engineers are drafting a proposed $75-million flood protection plan for St. Louis, which would provide a system of levees, flood walls, pumping stations and sewers to extend along 14 mi of the Mississippi River frontage.

According to the plan, the federal government would defray $70 million of the construction cost and local interests would pay the remainder and also maintenance and operating expenses.

Col. Fred E. Ressegieu, St. Louis district Army Engineer, says the plan proposes works to protect three of five reaches covering the 24-mi riverfront from Jefferson Barracks north to the mouth of the Missouri River. The area thus protected would total 3,600 acres.



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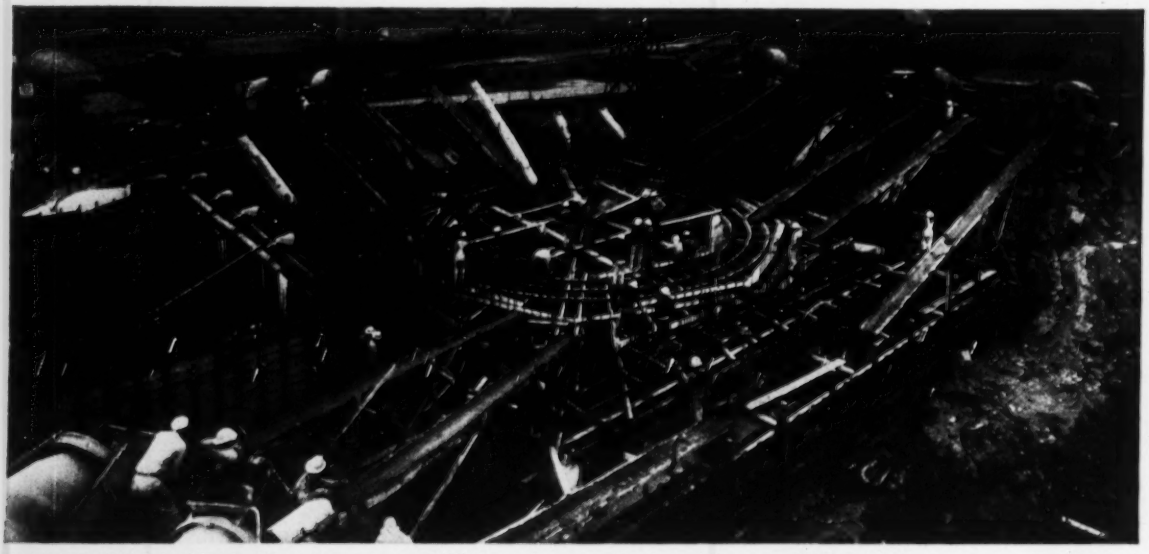
$65-million steel plant expansion nears completion on West Coast

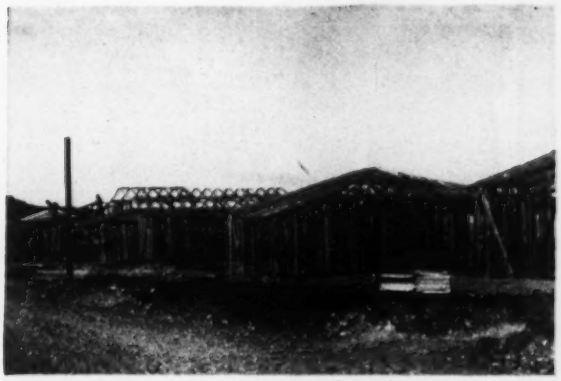
Kaiser's California plant and mine will form completely integrated operation from raw ore to finished steel

Only blast furnaces on the West Coast are these three at Kaiser's Fontana, Calif., plant. Completion of the third unit, part of the $65-million Kaiser Steel expansion program, will raise plant capacity to 1,314,000 tons of pig iron per year. Other additions under the expansion program include a ninth open hearth furnace, initially operated in January, 90 new coke ovens and a tin mill. First operation of the third blast furnace is scheduled for the middle of this month.



FOUNDATION POUR for blast furnace saw a 2321-cu yd mass placed in 12 hours. Monolithic construction of the heavily reinforced mass was specified for earthquake resistance by Kaiser Engineers who are designing and building the new facilities. Four batch plants delivered their entire output to 46 truck mixers for the duration of the pour.

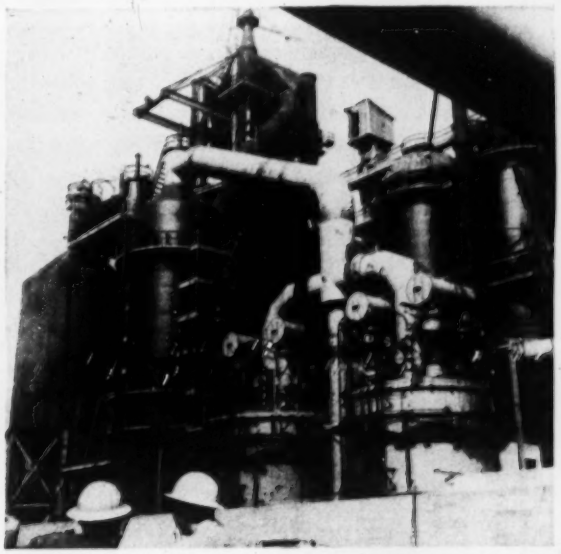
IRON ORE IS MINED for transport to crushing facilities. This new ore deposit at Kaiser's Eagle Mountain, Calif., mine was opened to satisfy increased demand at Fontana mill.



NEW HOMES are built at isolated iron mine to house additional employees for increased operations. Expansion includes 96 homes, new sewage treatment and water supply facilities.

IRON MINE, 164 rail miles away from steel plant in southern California desert area, is also being expanded as part of the $65-million program. Under construction in the foreground is a beneficiation plant which will improve quality and regulate size of ore to be shipped to Fontana. Mine makes Kaiser Steel a completely integrated operation from raw ore to finished steel product.

CRANE PLACES CONCRETE MASS as part of open hearth construction. Kaiser Engineers found it cheaper to move existing 210-ton ladle lining pit than to build a new one.



THIRD BLAST FURNACE under construction, was scheduled to start operation this month, and is the major element in the $65-million Kaiser expansion program under way at Fontana.

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CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY

Kern River storage dam completed

Fast work by the team of Macco Corporation, Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., and River Construction Corp. resulted in completion of the Isabella Dam on the Kern River in California's lower San Joaquin Valley one year ahead of schedule.

The prime contractors began moving earth on two 9-hour shifts one year and three months ago. (Officially, work on this Corps of Engineers project began in March, 1948, but early appropriations were small and permitted only minor progress.)

The main contract figure was $6.46 million. The total cost of the dam reached $6.78 million.

The project consists of two dams: An auxiliary structure across Hot Springs Valley and a main dam across the Kern River itself.

The auxiliary dam is 3,325 ft in length and reaches a maximum height of 100 ft. Its embankment contains 1,800,000 cu yd of material, mostly compacted decomposed granite, covered by filter blankets of sand and gravel with cobble and rock riprap.

The main dam is a rock and earth structure with a crest length of 1,725 ft and a height of 185 ft above stream bed. Width at the base is 1,140 ft, tapering to a uniform crest width of 20 ft. The embankment contains 2,900,000 cu yds of material consisting of an impervious core, random fill, filter blankets of sand and gravel and cobble and rock riprap.

• **Granite use noted**—Army Engineer spokesmen commented that an interesting feature at Isabella and on all other dams along the Sierra front now under construction or likely to be built is the use of decomposed granite in embankments.

Unlike other western mountains, the Sierra range long ago lost most of the sedimentary clays and the underlying granite was exposed and in turn weathered. This material can be found in abundance in shallow blanket along the foothill line.

Through test fills, it was found that the granite could be scooped up cheaply by power equipment and rolled to suitable densities.

At Isabella, nature had stockpiled a whole hill of decomposed granite. Undisturbed in the hill, a load of this material took up a space of 14 cu yds. When this same load was dumped and compacted into the dam, the material takes up only 11.6 cu yds.

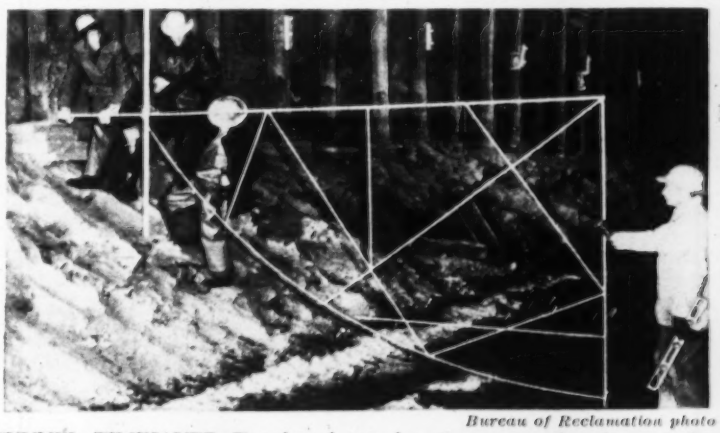
Isabella Dam, first conceived in 1931, is designed to skim the peak off the high spring flow of the Kern River and store up to 500,000 acre ft of water for release later in the season. There is no power in connection with the project.

Construction of the dam has forced the abandonment of two towns, Isabella and Kernville. A new town of Kernville has taken shape a few miles upstream out of the reservoir area. Many residents of Isabella, forced to leave their homes, had to rebuild at a new site just below the dam.

Isabella Dam was constructed under the direction of the Corps' Sacramento district office in Sacramento. H. J. Dickinson was project engineer.

• **Tunnel outlet**—Normally, except for the continuing operation of the Boral Canal (property of the Southern California Edison Co.) all releases from the reservoir will be made through a tunnel under the main dam. This tunnel is about 900 ft long, drilled through solid rock, and concrete lined with an inside diameter of 14 ft, 9 in. The release is controlled by three hydraulically operated slide gates. There is a standby set of identical gates and a standby diesel-electric power unit.

The Boral Canal flows through the center of the auxiliary dam. This canal will continue to function as though there were no dam at all. A gated twin barrel conduit will be operated so that the Southern California Edison Co. will continue to use its Boral Power Plant with the same flows as before—up to 600 cfs. Modifications of the canal in the reservoir area will permit this operation regardless of the elevation of the pool behind the dam.



Bureau of Reclamation photo

TUNNEL TIMESAVER—Templet of tunnel segment pares time in measuring overbreak and high spots of rock in recently-excavated power and outlet tunnels of Palisades Dam on the Snake River in eastern Idaho. The rigid templet, used in conjunction with a level rod to mark high spots for removal by contractors, is made of ½-in. thin-walled, cross-braced conduit pipe and is light enough for two men to handle easily.

Southwest Builders & Contractor photo

FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION in Hollywood requires detouring cars from Cahuenga Freeway (upper right) while a new connection to it is built. First stage detours are being built (center). Underpass under Highland Ave. coming in from left will be removed. Famed Hollywood Bowl is at upper left.

Detour handles 100,000 cars

What is said to be the most complicated detouring problem in the world is currently being met and solved in Hollywood, Calif. It involves building a freeway—and detouring 100,000 cars a day over the construction area. The traffic volume is an actual count—not the supercolossal exaggeration of king-size superlatives.

The scene is the connection of the existing Cahuenga Freeway with the new Hollywood Freeway. The roadway runs through a relatively narrow valley that prevents construction of bypass detours. (Cahuenga Freeway, completed before World War II, will be an extension of Hollywood Freeway. On completion of the interchange in 1954, the name Cahuenga Freeway will be dropped.)

At present, the Cahuenga Freeway, coming in from the north, splits into Highland Ave. and Cahuenga Blvd. Southbound traffic from Cahuenga Freeway to Cahuenga Blvd. is carried through an underpass that separates it from northbound traffic from Highland Ave. to Cahuenga Freeway. The present construction will transform the Cahuenga Freeway-Cahuenga Blvd.-Highland Ave. intersection to a continuous Hollywood Freeway development with off and on ramps for Highland Ave. Cahuenga Blvd. will become a local service road.

A recent 16-hour (6 am to 10 pm) Monday traffic count showed 59,000 cars on Cahuenga Blvd. and 43,000 cars on Highland Ave. Thus, the freeway peak was well in excess of 102,000 cars for that period. Maximum hour occurred between 5 and 6 pm with over 10,000 cars handled. Sunday traffic at this point totaled 73,000 cars with a 6,000 hourly peak.

• **Planning**—The detouring (see illustrations) was carefully planned as to lane positions and sequence by engineers of the California Division of Highways. It was made a part of the construction plans and specifications because, in postwar freeway construction, engineers have learned that mere stipulation of number of lanes of traffic to be free to move through a construction operation is inadequate. These lessons have been learned the hard way because much of the California freeway construction is in congested areas with large volumes of existing traffic.

There are other complicated freeway detouring problems currently under construction in Los Angeles. One is at the intersection of Alameda and Aliso Streets in the central industrial area. Here 100,000 cars cross at grade at a signal-controlled intersection and a rail line complicates the situation. Aliso St. is being depressed under the rail line and Alameda St. and will become part of the Santa Ana Freeway.

Another tricky job is connecting the Arroyo Seco Parkway into the Harbor Freeway just north of the main business district. All overpass structures have been built. But the grade must be lowered 22 ft while 54,000 cars a day traverse the work. Detour instructions involving five steps are shown on one blueprint sheet.

In all of these cases, state engineers have developed step-by-step procedures for handling traffic. But they are not hard and fast. In the course of actual construction, it may well be that the contractor will develop procedures that are, in his opinion, better than the detouring plans specified. If the contractor can convince the state engineers that a change in plans is advantageous, the alternate procedures will be adopted. In other words, the detouring plans adopted by the state for a particular job can be modified. But, it has been found to be of primary importance to have carefully worked out plans to follow.

• **Completion in 1954**—All of the work outlined on the foregoing will be completed by early 1954. Also scheduled for full completion at that time is the first mile of the Harbor Freeway that bypasses the heart of downtown Los Angeles. Thus, by that time, the freeway net in the downtown parts of the city will be completed except for a short connection with the Aliso St. bridge. It will permit full use of all four decks and interchange ramps of the famed four-level grade separation.

In the meantime, construction is being pushed on parts of the Ramona, Santa Ana, Harbor and Los Angeles River Freeways. And detailed planning is under way for more of these routes as well as others. The $30-million annual freeway spending rate for the metropolitan area is sure to continue for some time (ENR April 17, 1952, p. 64). It may well be increased by California's 1953 legislature.

All of the state highway work of which these freeways are a part is under the direction of G. T. McCoy, state highway engineer. Paul O. Harding is assistant state highway engineer in charge of District VII that includes this freeway work.

Construction of the Cahuenga-Hollywood Freeway connection is part of a $2,274,000-contract held by the Bongivanni Construction Co. of Los Angeles. Included in the job are 1.4 miles of freeway, 3 bridges and 11 retaining walls.

The Alameda-Aliso St. intersection work is a $1,223,000-contract held by Peterson & Baker of Los Angeles. It includes ¼ mile of freeway, a railroad overcrossing and a highway underpass.

The Arroyo Seco connection is a $480,000-project involving 0.4 mile of freeway with J. E. Haddock, Ltd., of Pasadena as contractor.

Three stages of the detour program developed for the new Cahuenga-Hollywood Freeway connection

FIRST STAGE DETOUR has Cahuenga Blvd. inbound traffic and Highland Ave. outbound traffic cross at a signal-controlled intersection. This permits removal of old underpass and construction of a new one. Future frontage roads are used for all traffic inbound from and outbound to Cahuenga Freeway.

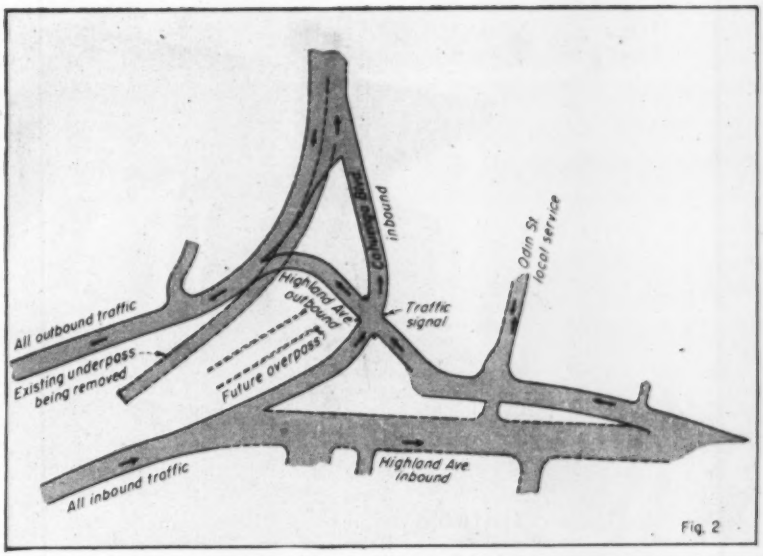


Fig. 2

SECOND STAGE DETOUR mixes Cahuenga Blvd. inbound traffic with Highland Ave. outbound traffic and takes both through the Odin St. undercrossing. This allows the new Hollywood Freeway to be built over this mixed traffic.

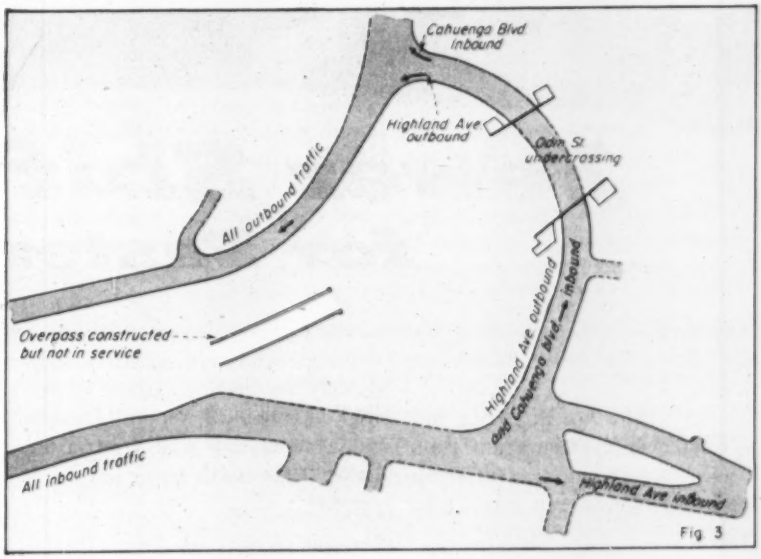


Fig. 3

FINAL TRAFFIC PATTERN with Hollywood Freeway in service has on-and-off ramp connections to Highland Ave. But Cahuenga Blvd., long the major artery, becomes a local street with only an off-ramp freeway connection at this point.

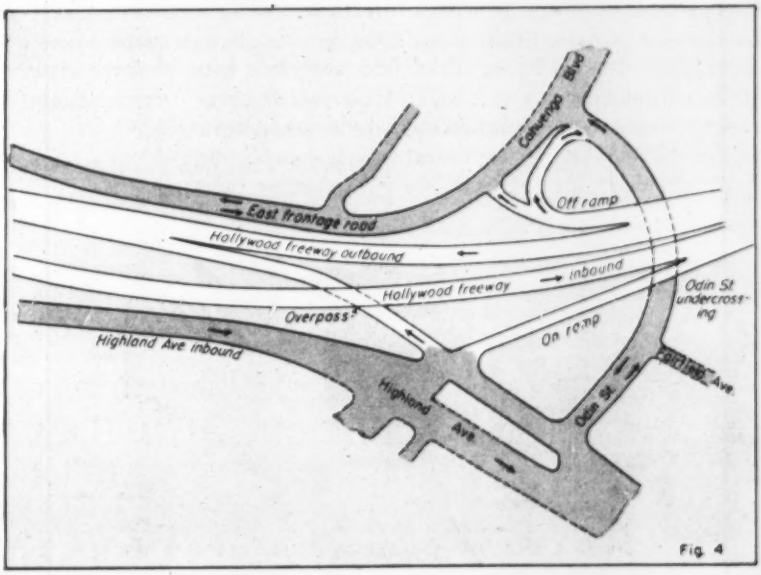


Fig. 4

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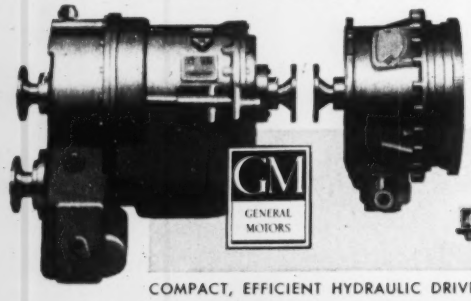

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DEPRECIATION

And Its Crucial Economic Role

The sixth annual McGraw-Hill survey of Business' Plans for New Plants and Equipment, just completed, reveals some remarkable facts about the role of depreciation in our economy. To most people, depreciation is a technical term, used by accountants to discuss a dull subject. But it really is a simple matter: It is the amount of money set aside each year by a company to replace plant and equipment that is wearing out. And here are some facts from this survey* which show how depreciation can make the difference between prosperity and recession in the United States:

1. *In 1953, about half of all the money spent on new manufacturing plants and equipment will come from depreciation reserves.* For the future, manufacturing companies are relying even more heavily on this source of money. In the years 1954-56, they count on using their depreciation funds to pay for almost two-thirds of the new plants and equipment now planned.

2. *The amounts of money made available by depreciation allowances vary greatly from industry to industry.* Some industries, such as those producing steel, chemicals and petroleum products, will have relatively large amounts of cash available from their depreciation reserves. In considerable measure, this is because the government is allowing them to accumulate such reserves at an accelerated rate as an encouragement to build facilities required for national defense. But most of the companies engaged in the production of textiles, processed foods and many kinds of machinery have had little chance to benefit by this provision for accelerated depreciation. Hence, they have much less money available from depreciation reserves.

3. *There is a definite shortage of investment funds in the industries that have relatively low depreciation allowances.* Taken together, the coal mining, textile, food processing, machinery and other metal-fabricating industries plan to spend about $4.7 billion for new plant and equipment this year. But they report that they would spend $1.5 billion *more* per year during the period 1954-56 if sufficient funds were available.

4. *Eighty-five per cent of the manufacturing companies covered by the survey reported that they plan to invest all their depreciation funds* to keep equipment up-to-date and to provide capacity for new products and new markets. These companies could let their depreciation funds pile up as idle cash. But the intention is to spend most of them for capital equipment.

*The sixth annual McGraw-Hill survey of Business' Plans for New Plants and Equipment included companies that provide 25 per cent of all industrial employment and 60 per cent of employment in those industries where capital investment is highest. These companies are mostly the larger companies in their respective industries. A copy of the full report of this survey can be obtained by addressing: Department of Economics, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, Inc., 330 West 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y.

Hence, there is a direct relationship between the amount of depreciation funds available and the level of capital investment. And it is upon the latter that the level of general prosperity decisively depends. One-third of all industrial workers are engaged in producing or installing such equipment.

This fact that the level of depreciation allowances has a major bearing on the level of capital investment should not surprise anyone. In several foreign countries where these allowances have been increased, investment has boomed. The two nations with the highest ratios of investment to national income are Canada and Norway. Both countries adopted flexible depreciation policies after World War II. In Sweden and The Netherlands also, flexible depreciation allowances have contributed to rapid industrial expansion. Finally, the tremendous investment brought about by our own rapid amortization program shows dramatically the importance of depreciation in stimulating capital expenditures.

Obsolete Tax Laws

In spite of this record, the fact remains that our laws and the business procedures that govern depreciation allowances — in particular the laws and rulings that govern the deduction of depreciation from taxable corporate income — are still based on antique and obsolete accounting concepts which take no account of depreciation's dynamic role in our economy. The internal revenue code still requires most companies to depreciate their equipment over a long period, even though these small annual allowances cannot possibly pay for the investment that is necessary to keep a plant up-to-date under today's rapidly changing technology, with its production of new and improved machinery.

The only allowance made by the government for rapid depreciation is that which is authorized for certain types of plants during the defense emergency. Under this policy most companies are unable to use accelerated depreciation for tax purposes. And as defense projects are completed, the number of new authorizations is dropping. We may lose the chance to utilize fully this powerful tool for sustaining investment because, under our ramshackle emergency tax structure, accelerated depreciation is available only to a minority of firms on a temporary basis.

New Policy Needed

A sensible, up-to-date depreciation policy for tax purposes is long overdue. Either the Treasury must modernize the internal revenue code on its own initiative, or Congress must take the lead by writing into permanent law a flexible depreciation policy applicable to all companies.

Treasury experts now have before them a number of proposals to allow faster depreciation for the average firm. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has suggested that companies be allowed to deduct from taxable income 25 per cent of the cost of new equipment in the first year, with the remaining cost to be deductible over the life of the facilities. The Machinery and Allied Products Institute has long sponsored a formula that would allow full deduction in two-thirds of the estimated life of the property. In Congress, Chairman Reed of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation has stated that we need a more flexible depreciation policy. Senator Frear of Delaware has introduced a bill that would let a business make its own choice on how fast to depreciate its equipment.

It will take time and study to determine which of these various proposals best fits the needs of the economy without sacrificing unduly the revenue needs of the government. If we are to have a new depreciation policy, designed for a long period ahead, it must be carefully worked out. But this much is clear right now: *The development of a flexible depreciation policy on the part of the federal tax authorities is one of the most important steps that can be taken to sustain prosperity. When we talk about depreciation, we are talking about the money that pays for almost two-thirds of the new manufacturing facilities now scheduled for construction. We are talking about the new investment and the new jobs on which our continued prosperity depends.*

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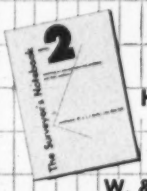

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UNITED NATIONS BUILDINGS run from 42nd St to 48th St., between the East River and Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive (left) and First Avenue (right). View is looking south to downtown New York with the city's financial center at the tip of Manhattan (upper center). First Avenue tunnel and General Assembly (squat U. N. Building) are under construction in this picture. Shots of 42nd St reconstruction were taken from top of the tall Secretariat building.

42nd ST. had narrow roadway before . . .

U.N. headquarters

Drop the six-block United Nations headquarters—with its big area and heavy traffic—into the heart of a city and you have more than a political problem.

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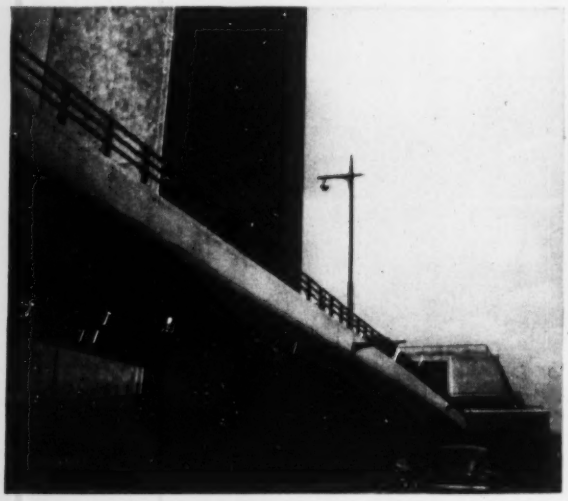
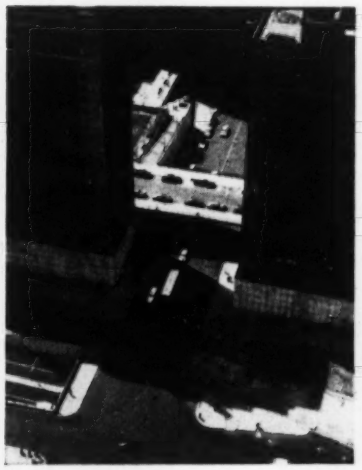
In addition to relieving the traffic problem, the program also did much to beautify and improve the area. Parks and playgrounds—and private construction of the Carnegie Endowment for



RAMP ACCESS was a construction problem because of East River vehicular tunnel below.

FIRST AVENUE TUNNEL completion provided relief to detoured traffic. Tunnel carries traffic from 41st to 48th Street.



RECONSTRUCTION made access easy.

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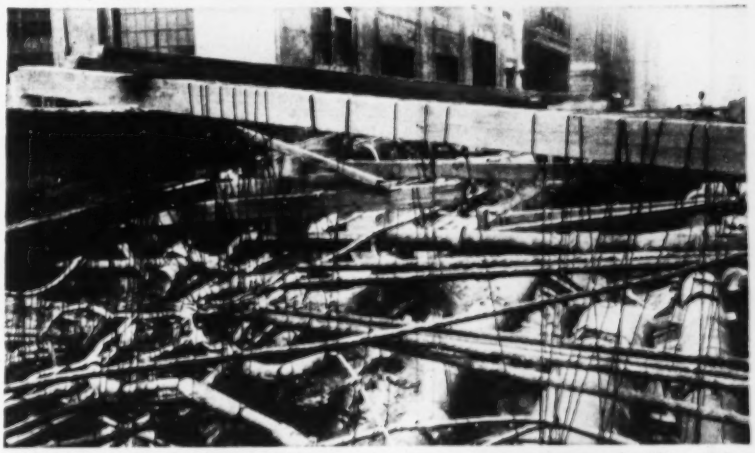
F. D. R. DRIVE was reconstructed. Note cantilever over roadway at left.

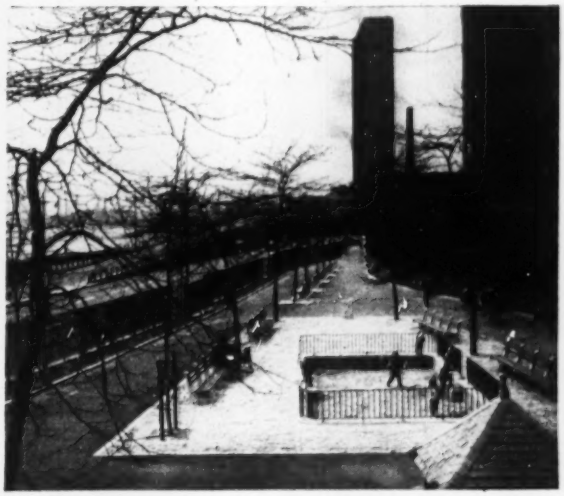
blocks no traffic

International Peace building—make the atmosphere more attractive.

Construction was supervised by the engineering staff of the office of Manhattan's Borough President. Andrews, Clark & Buckley together with Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and MacDonald were consulting engineers on the First Avenue and 42nd Street improvements. Plans for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive reconstruction and the 47th St. Boulevard were prepared by the Borough President's design office working with the city's Park Department and the United Nations.



DIG THAT CRAZY PIPE! Tunnel contractor ran into this mess of utility piping.



PLAYGROUND AND PARK at 51st St. and F.D.R. Drive is a boon for local residents. U.N. buildings provide inspiration.

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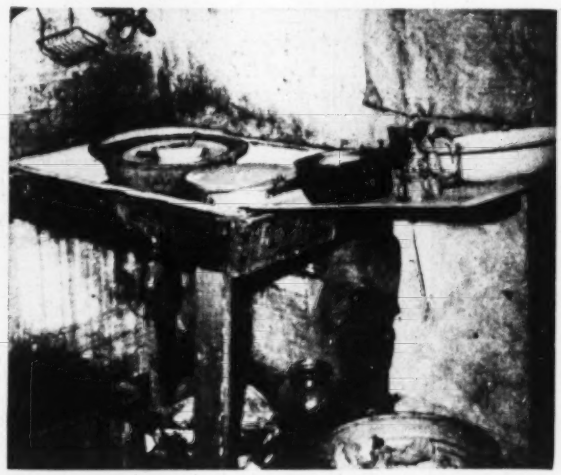

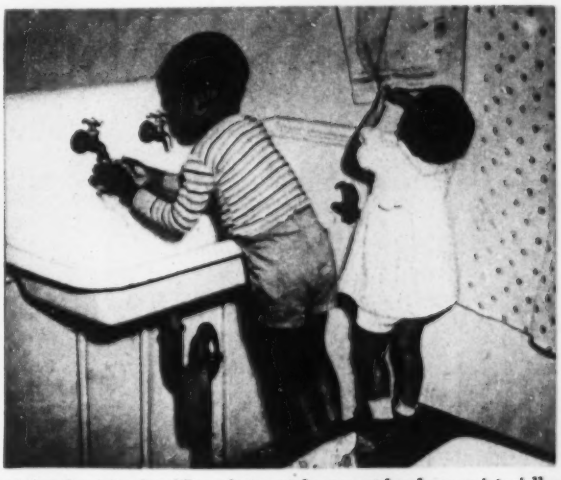

BEFORE AND AFTER shots illustrate physical improvements. Social and spiritual uplift unfortunately cannot be shown pictorially.

The Baltimore plan:

Is this the way to beat slums?

The city of Baltimore, Md., has a bear by the tail. This is an accomplishment that occasions some pride—but also considerable worry.

The bear is the Baltimore Plan, a highly touted attack on slums that has brought the city national publicity—but has also brought its share of woes. Essentially the plan amounts to a strict enforcement of the housing laws, compelling landlords and home owners to maintain certain minimum standards in their buildings.

City authorities, sensitive to the effects of overselling the plan, are quick to point out that the program is not a cure-all. Somewhat apologetically they admit they've got something good—but they caution: "All we are doing is enforcing the housing laws better than ever before. It's not magic. Any city can do it. We don't claim that it's a substitute for public housing or redevelopment projects. Neither do we claim that slum houses can be transformed into palaces. But we do think we can establish a neighborhood pride, raise the living conditions above a bare minimum and in so doing, slow down the spread of rock-bottom slums."

How well they've succeeded is a tough question to answer, as Baltimore officials found out.

• **Results questioned**—A quick trip through the areas that have been cleaned up can give the impression that not much has been done. There are still the same rows of attached houses, block after block, that give Baltimore a unique look among American cities.

Changes are more evident in the backyards. Old board fenced areas have made way for patches of green and, in some cases, playgrounds. Outside toilets have been moved inside, and most evidences of filth and dirt have been eliminated.

But the result is not palatial living by any means and it's here that the city begins to pile up woes.

Visitors who expect to see miracles are likely to be disappointed and say so—unfortunately on a national scale. People who expect nothing are pleased with the results—and again say so to a national audience.

As a result ENR found city officials both apologetic and proud.

The initial explanation of what has been done and what is planned contains a note of yearning to be understood by outsiders. Here's what they have to say:

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• **Plan begins**—Like most other cities, Baltimore has slums, some so bad as to be almost beyond belief.

In 1939, the Health Department condemned one section of the worst area to make way for a low-rent public housing project. The resulting publicity, fanned by an aggressive campaign for action by one of the local newspapers, resulted in granting of sweeping powers to the Health Department through an amendment to the city housing code, called the Hygiene of Housing.

The Health Department was charged to "see that dwellings be kept clean and free from dirt, filth, rubbish, garbage and similar matter, and from vermin and rat infestation and in good repair for human habitation...." Wartime shortages and preoccupation with other matters delayed further action.

Following the war, in 1945, the city tried a new tack on the problem. Instead of attempting to handle enforcement on an individual complaint basis, the city marshalled all its forces in one block, inspecting each house and notifying all the landlords of the violations found.

But it took 18 months to complete work on the first single block—and it was apparent that at that rate, houses would deteriorate faster than they could be repaired.

• **Changes indicated**—If nothing else, this first effort spotlighted some changes that had to be made in the approach: For one, the one-block area was too small. For another, real clean-up was going to require more than just getting after the landlords and owners.

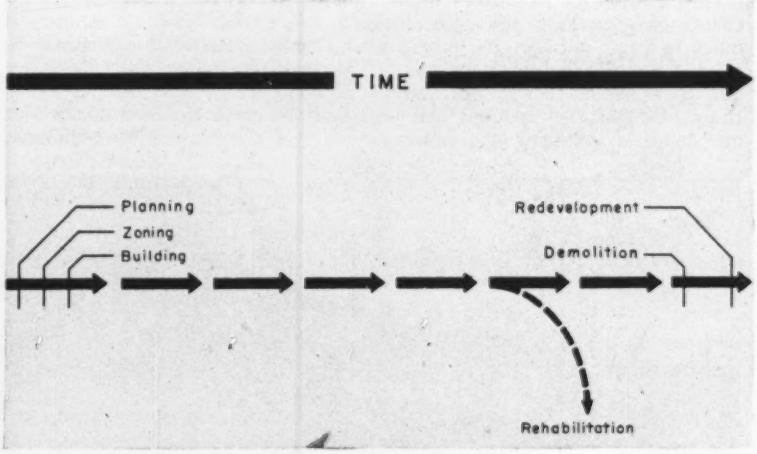
The whole neighborhood would have to be rehabilitated, and residents as well as owners must be imbued with pride in their surroundings. Nonconforming uses of land—such as stables in a residential area—would have to be eliminated. And finally, the area would have to be developed, not only for housing, but for playgrounds, better use of streets and for some other important—but indirect—factors.

• **Special court**—It was also evident that the whole process could be speeded if the housing violations could be heard in a special court—when the cases had to be carried that far. One of the facts of life that planners found was this: A violation heard in the magistrates courts was likely to be sandwiched between an assault case and a larceny case. By comparison, landlords looked like minor offenders and judges seemed not inclined to give the cases the attention the Health Department thought they deserved.

So a special housing court was formed in 1947. In twice-weekly sessions, it hears only housing-law cases—and landlords have learned that the old go-easy attitude is definitely out.

• **Expansion**—Founding of the court pointed the way to a more ambitious program in 1950 when a much larger pilot area was selected.

It was not a rock-bottom area by any means: The 1,000 houses in this



TIME CYCLE of urban housing is suggestion of James Rouse, former head of citizens' advisory group. With little attention from the city, housing will deteriorate until it has to be torn down. Rouse believes the Baltimore Plan short-circuits cycle by providing rehabilitation before rock-bottom is reached. Ideally, strict enforcement of city laws will eliminate need for rehabilitation, keep buildings in tip-top shape.

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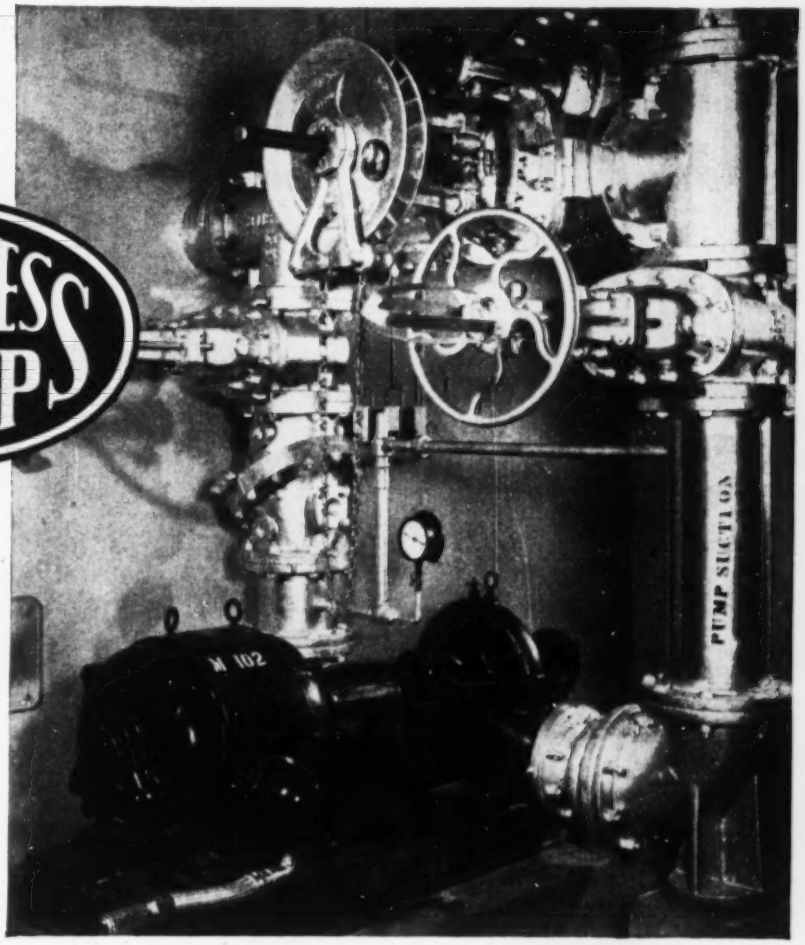

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27-block area were in fairly good shape structurally, but there was plenty of dirt and filth and signs of neglect in the maintenance of the homes.

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The city is continuing the program on a block-to-block basis, in selected neighborhoods, finding the way a little easier now that a pattern has been established.

• **Helping the city**—Private groups must help, however, if such a plan is to be successful.

In Baltimore, there was the aid of the Citizens' Advisory Council to the Mayor, made up of leading business men and civic-minded residents. Chairman until recently was James Rouse, mortgage banker. It's function is to advise and aid the city.

Another business-men's group formed the Fight Blight Fund which aids indigent home owners to comply with the directives of the housing bureau. The group raised a fund to make loans but in most cases was able to make arrangements with commercial organizations, at low cost, to finance the work.

The school system conducted a program to make the children more conscious of the necessity of keeping the home and neighborhood clean.

Cooperation of the Police Department was evident by the appointment of "Police Sanitarians" who do nothing but walk around specified neighborhoods, on the lookout for violations of the housing code. They do not bother with the interior of buildings, concentrating on such matters as uncovered garbage cans, accumulations of filth, etc.

• **What's the result?**—Even with all this cooperation between city and citizen, and with the wealth of experience, there are still sharp differences of opinion as to the future course.

All parties do agree, however, that the plan works best on houses and neighborhoods that are fundamentally sound, where the problem is one of correcting and preventing neglect. The worst slums can only be made slightly more habitable until they can

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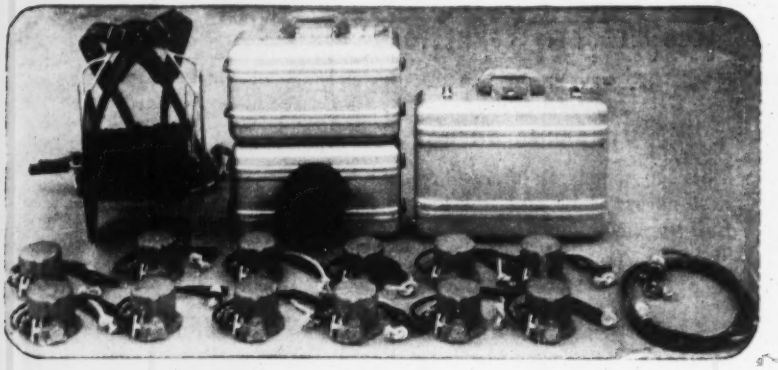

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be scheduled for demolition prior to construction of redevelopment or housing projects.

It is also agreed that a separate housing court, an educational program and citizen's committees are absolutely necessary.

It is clear, too—although not effectively carried out in Baltimore—that the city must maintain refuse disposal, street repair and other vital municipal functions at a high level if the people are to be encouraged to keep their homes in repair.

But—and it's a big but—the municipal machinery to effect these reforms is the big headache.

The citizens' advisory committee believed that the plan could be most effective if it were handled by a separate executive body, removing the job from the complete domination of the Health Department. It stressed the overlapping duties of the many municipal bureaus involved and the difficulty of coordinating the work of those bureaus. As an example, if the Health Department finds that a park is necessary for complete rehabilitation of a neighborhood, it is almost powerless to create it. Or the department may want a little-used street blocked off in order to put the land to better use. Again "going through channels" creates undue delays, if it is ever done at all.

These thoughts were expressed in a letter to the mayor from the council in the early part of 1952, and were backed by the sponsoring of a measure in the state legislature creating such a separate body.

However, the mayor took exception to the suggestions, making it necessary for Rouse and several committee members to resign so they could push the bill. It never got through the legislature.

• **Objections**—The mayor's office charged that the bill would take powers from the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department and also reduce some of the powers of the Health Department. This would lead to a duplication of the tasks assigned to those departments, it was alleged, and increase the city's enforcement costs. Further, the mayor's office believed the present set-up was entirely satisfactory.

ENR found Rouse in complete disagreement. "There must be an opportunity to pin-point authority or the plan will not be successful," he says.

"A city will give a redevelopment authority almost unlimited power to

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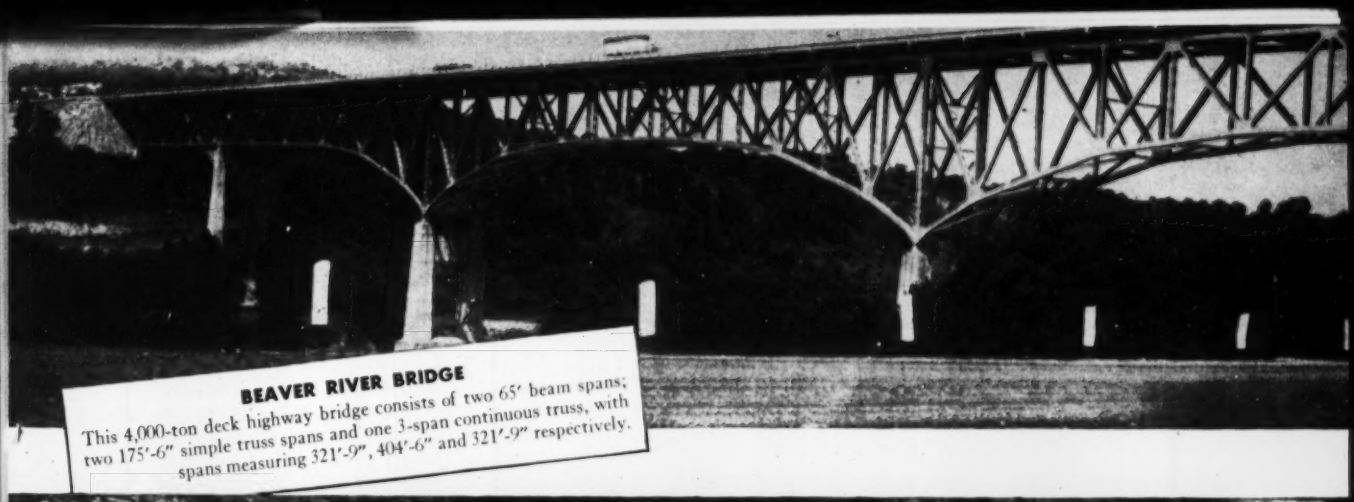

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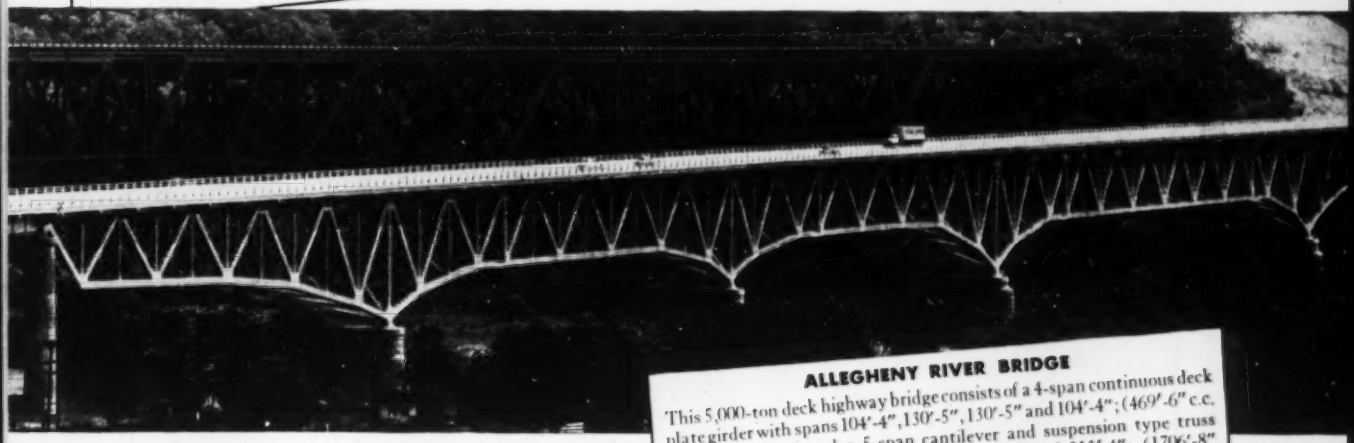

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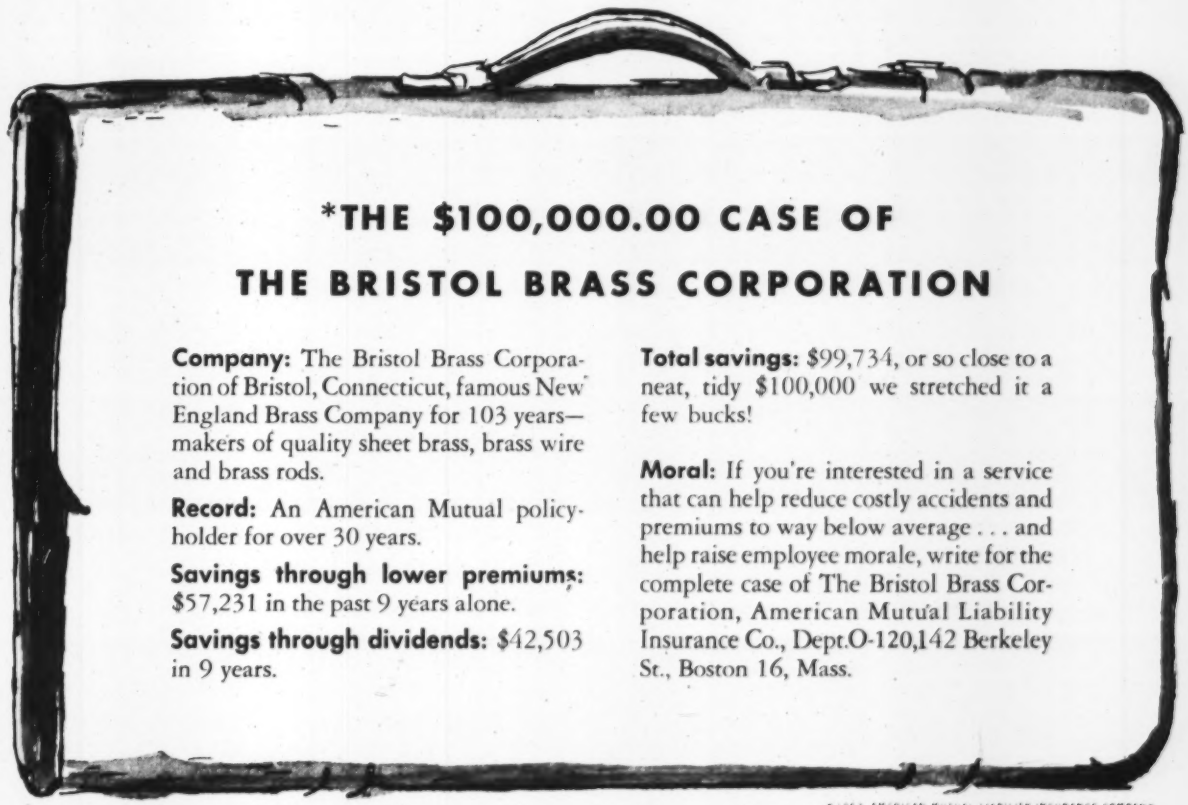

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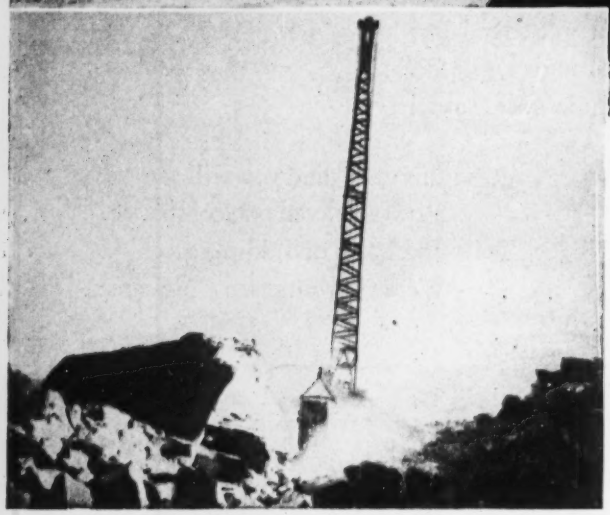

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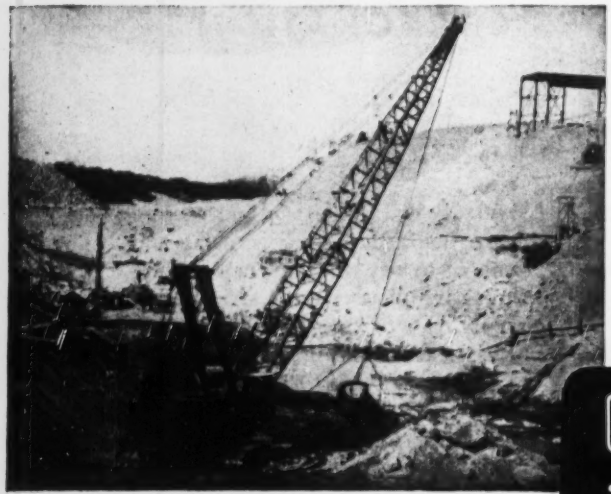

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demolish areas for new construction," he added, "as it realizes the urgency of cleaning up the worst slums. This amounts almost to a social revolution—the cities should now realize that it is just as urgent to prevent slums through an authority having equal power to enforce existing laws."

He also wanted it made clear that the Baltimore Plan cannot be transferred to other cities, as is. He saw it as only a step, the development of a method, not as a finished product. And definitely, he concluded, not a miracle. It calls only for hard work which is combined with some enlightened thinking.

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• **Reversed position**—The Kentucky Water Pollution Commission has reversed itself and given approval to the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District for the construction of 19 sewer extension projects. Reason: Louisville plans to finance a new sewage treatment plant by either increasing sewer charges or imposing a new levy for disposal of storm water (ENR Mar. 19, p. 48).

• **Water conservation**—Upper Moreland township in Montgomery County, Pa., has adopted an ordinance designed to conserve underground water supplies. In addition to provisions regulating the drilling and capacity of wells, there is also a measure to prevent the discharge of industrial wastes underground and a requirement that all unused wells be capped and sealed.

• **Toledo sewage plans**—The city of Toledo has retained an engineering firm, Consoer, Townsend & Associates, to prepare plans for a secondary sewage treatment plant. Construction will cost about $7.5 million for the proposed facility.

• **Buffalo housing**—Showing the extent of public housing in Buffalo, N. Y., is the fact that the city will have nearly 5% of its population in that type of development when the present program is completed. Completion is scheduled for 1954.

• **Smell trouble**—Residents of North Charleston, W. Va., are up in arms over the proposal to build a new $11.5-million sewage treatment plant in their town. They claim noxious odors from the plant will depress property values. If gentle "persuasion" doesn't do any good, they intend to take the matter to court.

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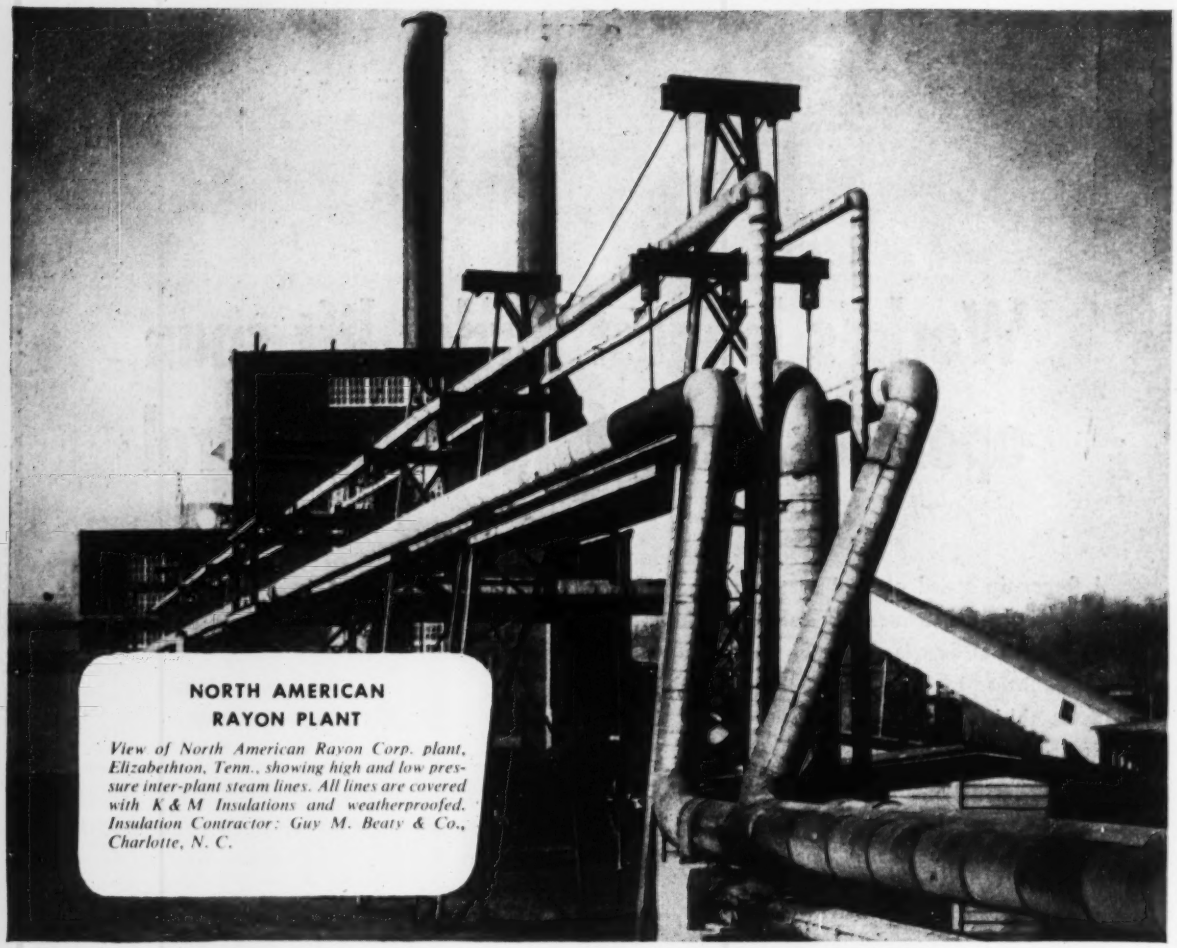

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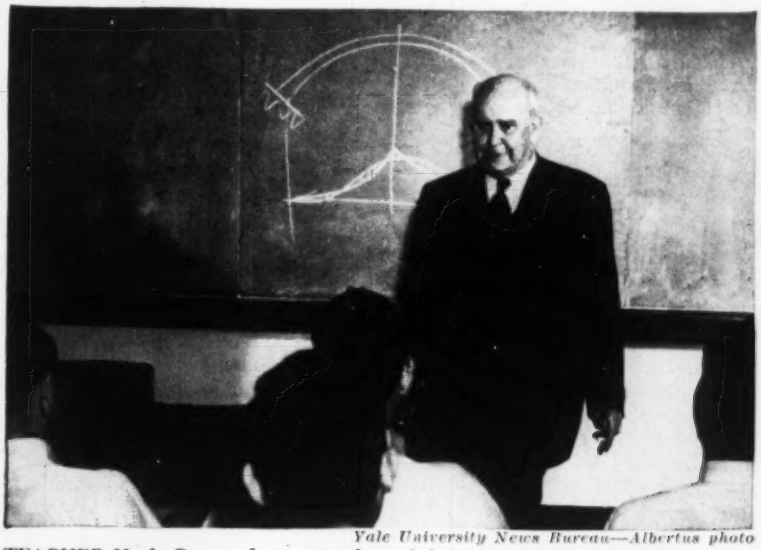

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TEACHER Hardy Cross and some members of the next generation of engineers.

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"Engineering has, in most of its branches, been thinking out all of its problems again. This is not an indication that the laws of geometry or statics have changed. . . . However, new materials and new uses of old materials have been tried; new methods of using old principles have been invented. In nearly every field of engineering now there is a seething activity of invention, investigation and reinvestigation."

One of the engineers most responsible for stirring up this activity is the man who wrote this paragraph, a portly, 68-year-old skeptic named Hardy Cross (picture), who retires next month as Yale University's Strathcona Professor of Civil Engineering. Though Professor Cross is a very well known civil engineering teacher, he is even better known as the originator of new methods of structural engineering analysis, notably the moment-distribution method of computing stress in rigid frames. Outside of his own field, he developed a standard method of analyzing flow in water distribution systems.

• **Whole man**—Perhaps the key to Hardy Cross' thinking and teaching is his emphasis that the effective civil engineer has to be a whole man, not a specialist: a man who knows people and institutions, and who is able to use the rules-of-thumb of his own profession as guides to be interpreted with judgment and imagination, not as inflexible laws.

Certainly Cross has practiced what he preaches. As a very young man, just after the turn of the century, he taught English and mathematics. Then he took a civil engineering degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and after that worked as an engineer in the bridge department of the Missouri Pacific Railway.

His first academic post as a civil engineer, at Brown University, came after he got an advanced degree at Harvard in 1911. In 1918, he left Brown to take up general engineering practice. But in 1921 he returned to teaching for good when he became professor of structural engineering at the University of Illinois. It was while he was at Illinois that the "Hardy Cross Method" was published in the early 1930s. He left Illinois for Yale in 1937.

"A teacher, to keep his feet on the ground, to keep in touch with the spirit of actual work as distinguished from the hothouse atmosphere of a school, must serve on technical committees and attend conventions. It is there that he is sometimes told bluntly that he does not know what he is talking about, and most teachers need that badly. . . . Professors must . . . talk to

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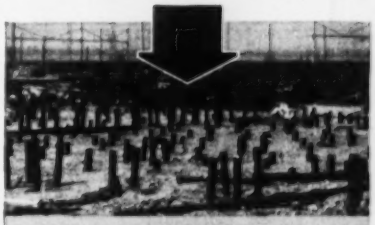

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many people, must visit many plants . . . in order that they may bring into the classroom a full vision, a fresh outlook."

That is why Professor Cross has served as consultant on many engineering projects and on many engineering committees, including those of the American Society for Engineering Education, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Concrete Institute, and the American Railway Engineering Association.

• **Honors**—And for his work he has collected some honors. For instance: the Norman Medal of the American Society of Civil Engineers (1933), the Wason Medal of the American Concrete Institute (1935), and the Lamme Medal of the American Society of Engineering Education (1944).

Yet with all his technical contributions, it may be that Hardy Cross will be best remembered as a philosopher of education. In speaking on one of his favorite themes, the relation between theory and practice he said:

• **Philosopher**—"Of course, there can be no discrepancy between correct theory and good practice. However, theories are not entirely correct, because they are based on assumptions which limit their application; and a theory which will not work is a wrong theory. Yet all engineering is dependent on theory, for it is only by theory that the profession can correlate experience or interpret experiments; burning down a house to roast a pig is expensive. All theory is limited in application, but it cannot be dispensed with. . . . But those who assume that the first thing to be done with an engineering problem is to begin industriously computing areas, moments and stresses will appear as absurd as did the little jurors in *Alice in Wonderland* who began busily to add up all the dates in the evidence and reduce the sum to pounds, shillings and pence.

". . . Engineers know that analyses, whether mathematical or by models, experiments and experience are all merely evidence bearing upon their problem, to be judiciously weighed in drawing conclusions. . . ."

". . . The ability to correlate this knowledge and season it with dependable common sense is the rarest, the most valuable and the most difficult skill for an engineer to acquire."

(Quoted matter is from "Engineers and Ivory Towers," a collection of Cross writings edited and arranged by Robert C. Goodpasture, and published in 1952 by McGraw-Hill.)

Praeger is honored

Metropolitan Section of ASCE gives its first award

The Metropolitan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers this week gave Emil H. Praeger its first annual award as "Metropolitan Engineer of the Year." This is a new honor that the section will give each year for exceptional service to the civil engineering profession in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area.

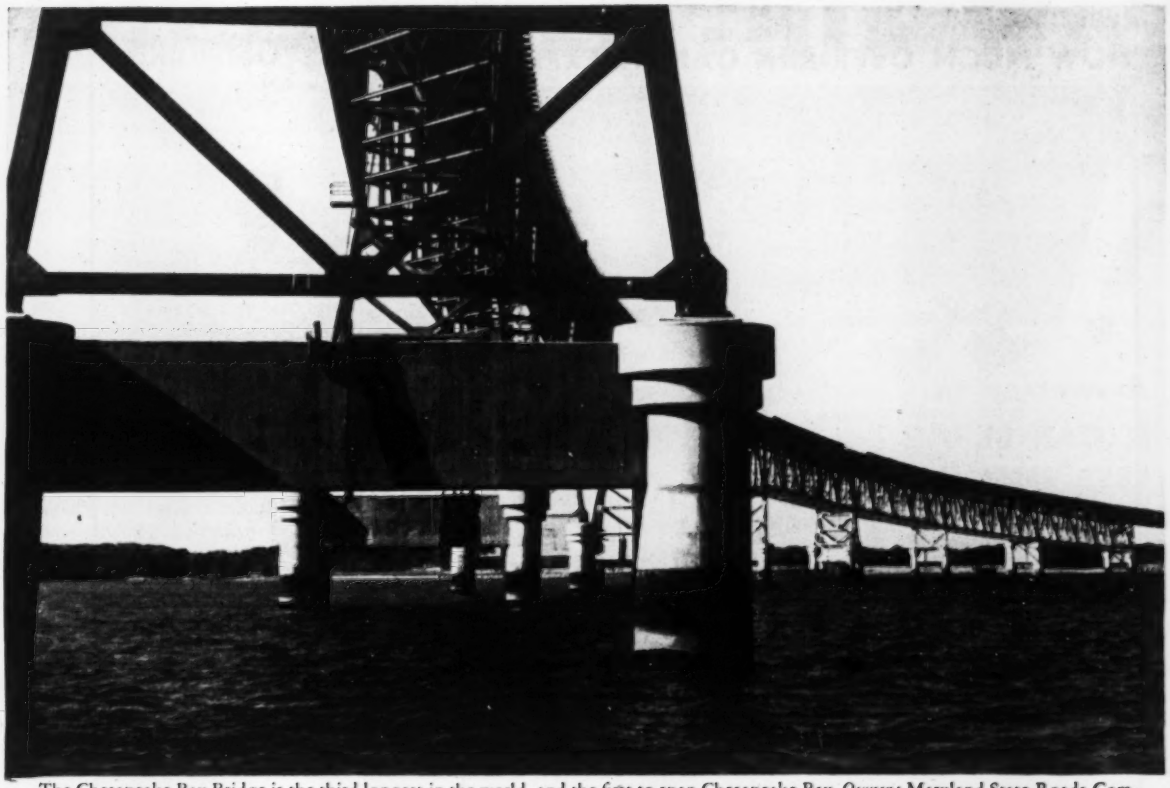
The award, of course, comes to Praeger for his conception and design of Pier 57 in the Hudson River, a story that ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD has followed in detail.

• **Floating boxes**—Perhaps the most unusual feature of Pier 57, which is now under construction, is the use of three reinforced concrete boxes as substructure, floating in the river mud. The usual type of pile substructure was uneconomic here, because the engineers would have had to go down some 400 ft to reach rock. The buoyancy of the boxes will carry 90% of the pier's dead weight. The boxes will be used for storage and utility rooms. This substructure design will be fire resistant, immune from attack by marine borers, and will have low upkeep.

The boxes were built several miles upstream, towed down the Hudson to the site, filled with clean city water, then gradually pumped out to compensate for increasing weight as the pier substructure was built up.

This isn't the first time concrete boxes have made Praeger famous. Back before the invasion of Normandy, he was a member of a committee assigned to study the possibilities of designing and building floating concrete breakwater units. Praeger was convinced that a rectangular shape was preferable and won his point.

• **Designer**—Praeger, who is now a partner in the New York City consulting firm of Praeger & McGuire, still stays on as a consultant to Madigan-Hyland, for whom he designed the substructure of Pier 57. He has also served as general superintendent in charge of design and construction for the New City Department of Parks, and as head of the Department of Civil Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has acted as a consulting engineer on the United Nations headquarters buildings and was a member of the Committee on Renovation of the White House.



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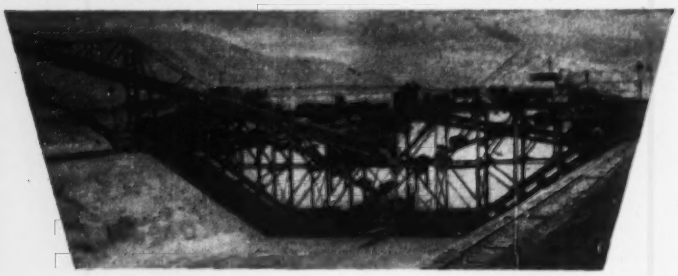

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OBITUARIES

James Baird, 80, president of the James Baird Construction Co. of New York City, died in Tucson, Ariz., May 16. During a long career in the building industry Mr. Baird directed construction of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., and also the Arlington, Va., Memorial Amphitheater, as well as the Folger Shakespeare Library and the Freer Gallery of Art in the national capital. He was likewise very active in construction work in the N. Y. metropolitan area. He had been president of the George A. Fuller Construction Co., and founded his own company in 1925.

John S. Moore, 66, retired official of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, died in Yakima, Wash., recently. A graduate of Washington & Lee University, Mr. Moore joined the Bureau of Reclamation in 1908. In 1931 he became superintendent of the Yakima Project. Ten years later he was director of operations for the entire bureau at Denver, Colo. Latterly he was superintendent of the Minidoka Project in Idaho.

Robert L. C. Ward, 61, civil engineer, died recently at Pasadena, Calif. He was a graduate of the University of South Dakota and attended the Sorbonne in Paris. After service in World War I, he took up engineering work with H. G. Wells at Great Falls, Mont. In 1922 he went to California and worked for Los Angeles and on Los Angeles County flood control. For 16 years after 1929 he was with the Army Engineers, New Orleans district. His last post was with the Army Engineers at Seattle.

John W. French, 59, an engineer for the Delaware State Highway Department for many years, died May 9 in Dover, Del.

Frederick H. Bass, 75, retired professor of civil engineering, Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota, died in Minneapolis, May 13. He was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1901, and became a member of the University of Minnesota staff, retiring in 1943. He held teaching positions in engineering until made head of the department.

Frederick W. Amadon, 69, retired Interstate Commerce Commission Civil engineer, died at Arlington, Va., May 4. He was a M.I.T. graduate. He started out with the Connecticut Co. in New Haven before he went with the I.C.C. at Washington, D. C.

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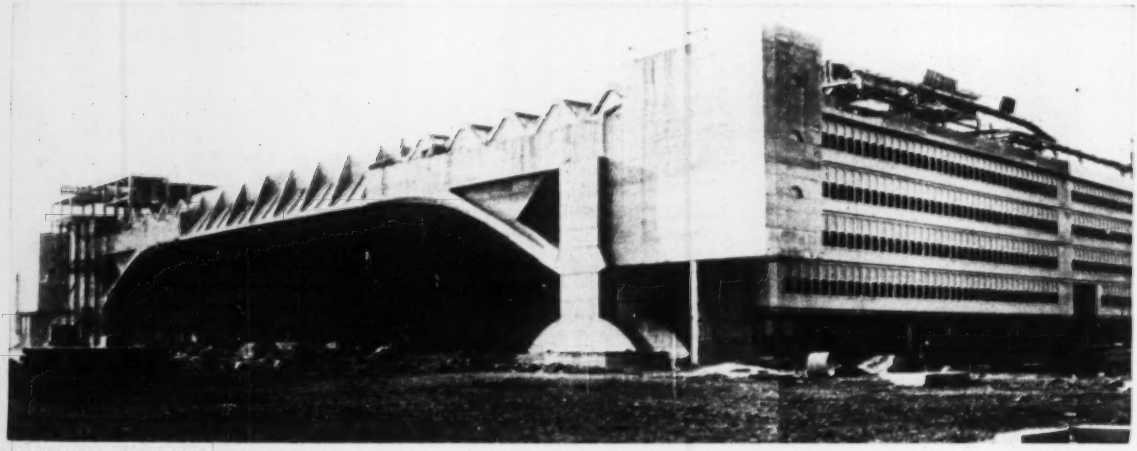
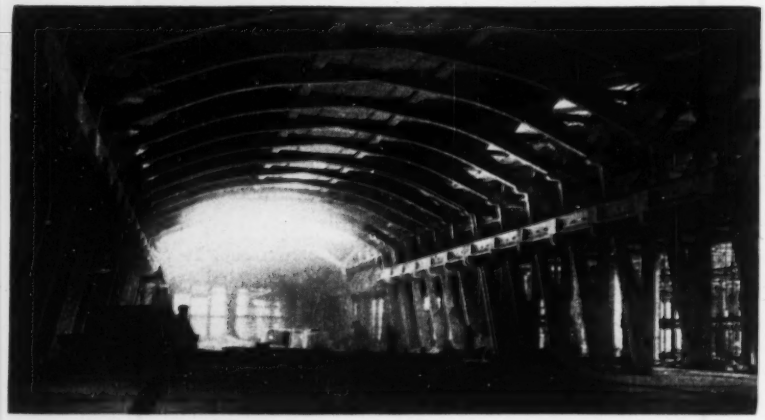


REINFORCED CONCRETE MAINTENANCE HANGAR in England has 1,000-ton concrete counterweight to balance cantilever beams on side of hangar entrance. Cantilevers support concrete central span over 45x300 ft opening.

Unusual cantilevers, trusses built for concrete hangar



THREE-HINGED ARCHES of reinforced concrete form 90-ft wide central engineering gallery at the rear of hangars, and running the length of the structure. Horizontal concrete beam on side-frame brackets will support future traveling crane.

British engineers are building a unique airplane maintenance plant entirely of reinforced concrete for the British Overseas Airways Corp. at London Airport. The building is in fact composed of four hangars—two on one side and two on the other—tied together by an engineering gallery serving all four hangars and running the full length of the combined structure. Between hangars and at right angles to the engineering gallery there are workshops extending across the building. Each end of the maintenance base is occupied by four floors of offices.

At a cost of $8.4-million, BOAC claims a big saving over a comparable design in steel for the 840-ft long, 440-ft wide, 100-ft high building. Principal structural feature consists of the eight 75-ft cantilevers, two for each

SPACE TRUSSES—triangular in cross-section—of reinforced concrete will form glazed roof for the whole structure.

CONCRETE RIGID FRAME ARCHES span workshops between hangars.

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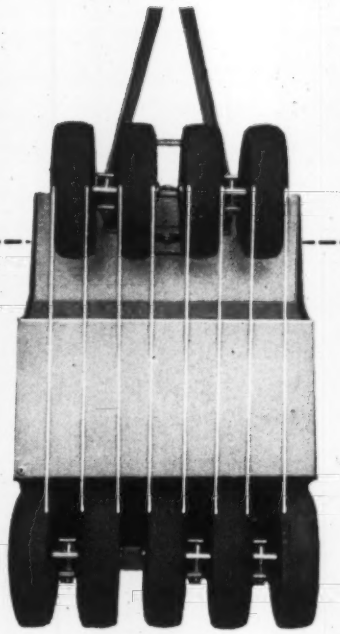

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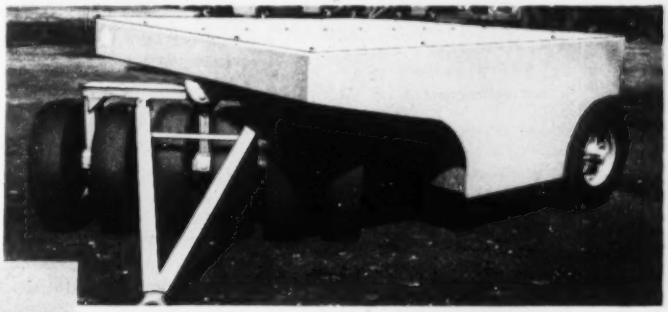

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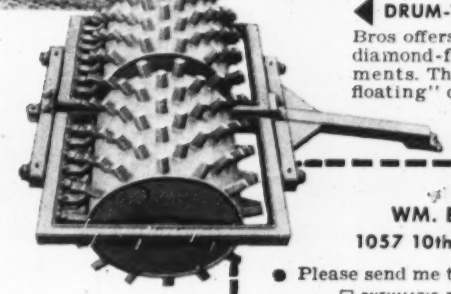

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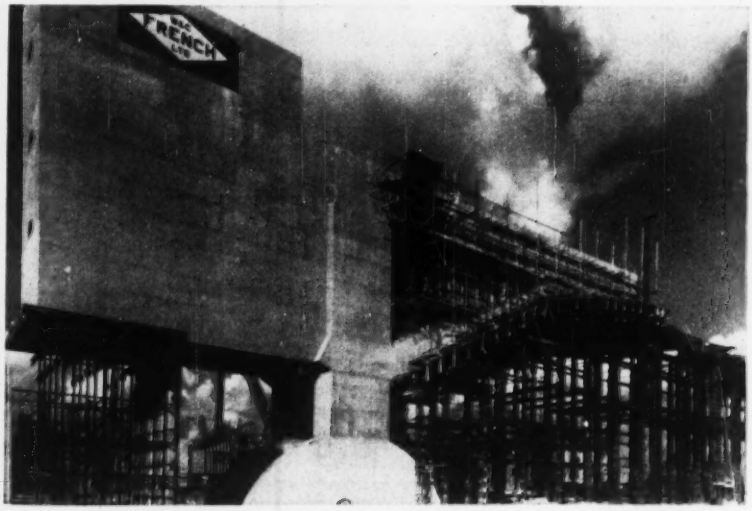


COUNTERWEIGHT FOR CANTILEVER during construction is filled with concrete in steps as work progresses.

hangar opening. Each pair of cantilevers carries a 150-ft central suspended span bridging the 300x45 ft opening. The 1,000-ton cantilever counterweights on the outside of the 66-ft high pylons at each side of the hangar entrance were filled in steps during construction to keep the loading on the pylons centralized. The hangars themselves are 144-ft in depth.

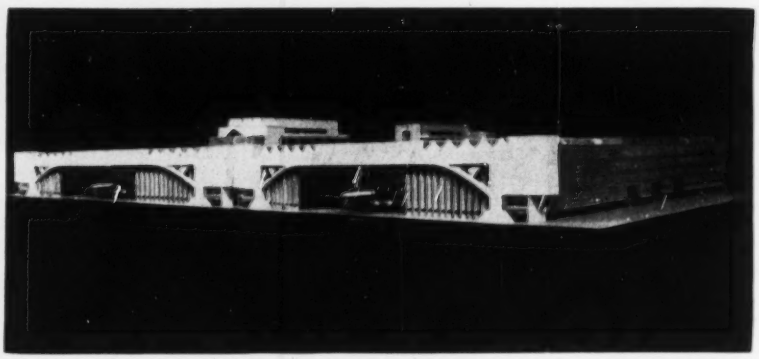
Space trusses—triangular in cross-section—of re-inforced concrete form the roof for the building. Trusses are 9 ft deep on 18-ft centers and glazing is done directly into the concrete thereby doing away with any further framing. From the main hangar doors to the back wall of the hangar the truss roof section spans 144 ft and then cantilevers back 60 ft over the center of the engineering hall. Roofs of the other three hangars are similarly constructed. Additional transverse beams along the center line of hangar roof trusses aid in distributing the load of four cranes in each hangar.

In the central engineering hall, three-hinged reinforced concrete arches span the 90-ft section on concrete side frames. These frames have large concrete brackets to support a concrete girder for a traveling crane. Two 18-ft roadways run along each side of the gallery between the back of the hangars and the side frames of the 90-ft working area arches.

Running across the maintenance plant, transversely to the central engineering gallery, is a line of workshops spanned with re-inforced concrete rigid frame arches.

Interior walls of the building were finished in a light colored brick so that in the whole structure there is an almost total absence of paint.

The maintenance hangars were designed on 3-ft modules by Sir Owen Williams & Partners of London. It was built for BOAC by W. & C. French, Ltd., Contractors, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, under the supervision of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.



MODEL OF HANGAR shows folding doors at entrances. Cantilevers and central suspended spans are slotted to allow the top of doors to move inside them.

UNIT PRICES

Waterworks, Indiana

(Continued from ENR 5/21, p. 82)

Listed below are the unit prices bid on the second two contracts of the $1,619,719 Logansport, Indiana waterworks project, Alfred LeFeber & Associates, Cincinnati, engineers. The first two contracts were reported in ENR last week. These were the $951,276 water treatment plant and low service pump station job, and the $241,170 elevated water storage tanks and reservoirs installation.

The $94,712 contract for the booster pump station and foundations for storage tanks and reservoirs was awarded to the Wolf Construction Co., Logansport, the only bidder. Besides the actual station and foundations, it provides for value vaults, piping and valves inside the vaults, interconnecting piping, high service water mains and drains.

John Dehner, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana, submitted the lowest of five bids and received the $332,562 contract for water mains. The bid was entered providing for bell and spigot pipes; however, an alternate bid of $330,347 would substitute mechanical joints.

Bidders include:

Booster pump station and foundations for storage tanks & reservoirs

1C Wolf Construction Co., Logansport, Indiana	$94,712
	94,407*

Bids: 4-8-53 Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1 C
Foundations			
For 500,000 gal elevated tank	ls	1	$6,586
100,000 gal	ls	1	2,771
*75,000 gal	ls	1	2,613
For reservoirs	ls	1	15,000
Grading of sites	ls	1	1,440
Valve vaults			
Altitude valve vault	ls	1	2,106
Valve vaults	ls	1	824.00
Piping & valve inside vaults			
Altitude valve vault	ls	1	5,453
In vault at 100,000 gal tank	ls	1	923.00
In drain vaults 1 & 2	ls	1	703.00
In inlet vaults 1 & 2	ls	1	2,980
Interconnecting piping			
At 500,000 gal tank site	ls	1	1,816
At booster station & reservoir site	ls	1	1,039
High service water mains			
CI pipe, cl 150, B&S, 4"	lf	30	3.25
*CI pipe, cl 150, mech jt, 4"	lf	30	3.25
CI pipe, cl 150, B&S, 6"	lf	10	4.30
*CI pipe, cl 150, mech jt, 6"	lf	10	4.30
CI pipe, cl 150, B&S, 8"	lf	925	4.16
*CI pipe, cl 150, mech jt, 8"	lf	925	3.82
CI fittings, B&S	t	1	581.00
*CI fittings, mech jt	t	1	591.00
8" gate valves	ea	1	107.00
6" gate valves & boxes	ea	1	103.00
4" gate valves & boxes	ea	1	84.00
Valve chamber for 8" valve	ea	1	944.00
Work on existing mains	ls	1	270.00
Street restoration—gravel	sy	400	6.75
Street restoration—macadam	sy	10	4.00
Fire hydrants	ea	1	318.00
Drains			
Drains at 500,000 gal tank	ls	1	766.00
Drin from 100,000 gal tank to manhole #2	ls	1	274.00
Drains at reservoirs, booster station, ditching, etc	ls	1	3,887
Booster pump station			
Building	ls	1	13,624
Water piping & valves	ls	1	8,170
Pumps (2)	ls	1	1,441
Painting	ls	1	308.00
Electrical work	ls	1	1,292
Fencing & gates	ls	1	5,113
Grading & seeding	ls	1	7,218
Driveways	ls	1	1,146
Extra concrete	cy	10	24.00
Extra reinforcing steel	lb	1,500	0.186
Slag or stone refill	cy	40	3.885
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Water mains

1C John Dehner, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana	$332,562
	330,347*
2 Omer Brandon & Son, Detroit, Michigan	346,529
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Bids: 4-8-53 Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1 C	2
F&L 4" B&S cl 150 CI pipe	lf	40	$4.62	$3.20
6"	lf	2,200	5.03	5.00
8"	lf	150	5.91	5.75
10"	lf	1,300	6.76	6.70
12"	lf	17,000	7.64	7.70
16"	lf	3,200	10.16	10.05
20"	lf	20	14.87	17.50
24"	lf	1,050	16.46	23.00
*F&L mech jt cl 150 CI pipe				
6"	lf	2,200	5.03	4.74
8"	lf	150	5.91	5.69
10"	lf	1,300	6.76	6.64
12"	lf	17,000	7.64	7.62
16"	lf	3,200	10.16	10.02
24"	lf	1,050	16.46	23.00
F&L B&S CL fittings	t	28	519.06	360.00
*F&L mech jt CI fittings	t	28	439.94	350.00
Furn & set gate valves, 4"	ea	1	43.00	36.00
6"	ea	18	59.50	50.00
8"	ea	1	87.25	80.00
10"	ea	7	150.50	120.00
12"	ea	30	189.85	152.00
16"	ea	1	717.10	750.00
20"	ea	3	972.70	1,000
24"	ea	1	1,400	1,450
Furn & set ¾" corporation cocks	ea	124	12.08	7.50
Valve vaults	ea	5	1,124	1,000
Valve chambers	ea	57	285.90	300.00
Slag or stone backfill	cy	10	3.00	3.00
Work on exist water line	ls	1	5,634	15,000
Restore storm drain pipe				
12"	lf	100	3.60	5.00
15"	lf	100	4.25	5.50
18"	lf	100	5.05	6.50
24"	lf	100	8.25	10.00
Restore concrete paving	sy	600	8.50	8.00
Restore blacktop on conc or brick base	sy	2,000	11.00	8.00
Restore blacktop on macadam base	sy	4,000	4.10	6.00
Restore oiled gravel or loose stone paving	sy	200	1.60	4.00
Restore conc sidewalks	sf	9,000	0.60	0.60
Restore conc curb & gutter	lf	200	3.50	2.50
58" tunnel liner plate casing	lf	170	41.50	60.00
48" galv corr iron pipe casing	lf	170	52.50	60.00
Extra excavation	cy	400	2.00	1.50
Extra concrete, cl 1	cy	5	65.00	75.00
cl 2	cy	10	60.00	60.00
cl 3	cy	70	45.00	50.00
Extra reinforcing steel	lb	500	0.15	0.15
Sheeting left in place	mbm	10	100.00	100.00
Extra brick work	sf	2,000	1.50	0.50
Installing ¾" services	lf	500	2.06	1.50
Installing 1" services	lf	150	2.17	1.75
Installing 1¼" services	lf	50	2.31	2.00
F&I 1½" services	lf	50	2.53	3.00
F&I 2" services	lf	50	2.96	4.00
1½" corporation stops	ea	5	22.34	25.00
2" corporation stops	ea	5	29.08	35.00
Shutting off abandoned services	ea	20	20.00	25.00
F&I 20" inserting valves	ea	1	1,800	1,800
12"	ea	1	564.50	500.00
10"	ea	1	473.90	500.00
8"	ea	1	350.15	400.00
16"	ea	1	1,439	1,500
* Alternate				

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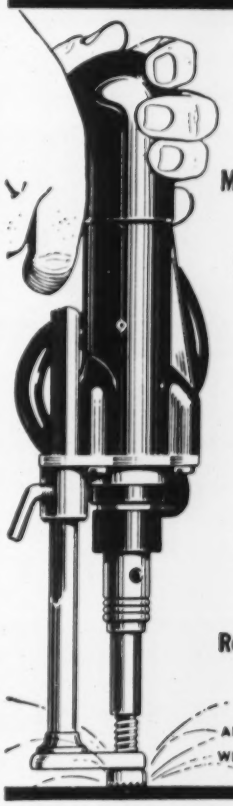

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NEW ENGLAND

SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

▲ **R. I., Providence**—HOSPITAL—Rhode Island Hospital, L. C. Gerry, chmn. Bldg. Comn., 593 Eddy St., soon lets contract, hospital, Eddy and Lockwood Sts. $7,000,000. Extended date. Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbot, 1 Court St., Boston, Mass., archts. CD 4/21.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **The Airway Co.**, 22 W. 48 St., New York, N. Y. CA Est. $6,000,000. design, construct, finance 1,500 HOUSING units, for Limestone Air Force Base, LIMESTONE, ME. David Muss & E. Dalquist (sponsor), 22 W. 48 St., New York, N. Y.

▲ **B. Perini & Sons, Inc.**, 73 Montwait Ave., Framingham, Mass. CA $3,212,000. Senior High SCHOOL, NATICK, MASS. TOWN, Supt. Schools, Natick, Mass. Bids Apr. 15, awarded May 11. CD 4/21, under LB.

▲ **Edward R. Marden Corp.**, 233 Harvard St., Brookline, Mass. LB $1,515,921, est. $1,500,000. Senior High SCHOOL addn., alterations, Webster St., NEEDHAM, MASS. Town, Supt. Schools, 1330 Highland Ave., Needham, Mass. Bids May 14. CD 4/28.

▲ **Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.**, 49 Federal St., Boston, Mass. CA Est. $12,000,000. children's MEDICAL CENTER, Blackfar St., (Blackfar), ROXBURY, MASS. Children's Medical Center, 300 Longwood Ave., Roxbury, Mass. Campbell & Aldrich, 38 Newbury St., Boston, Mass., archts. Stone & Webster Eng. Corp., 49 Federal St., Boston, Mass., engrs. CD 3/31/49.

▲ **Turner Constr. Co.**, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y., CA Approx. $2,000,000, HOME OFFICE, on 268-acre tract, BLOOMFIELD, CONN. Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., 55 Elm St., Hartford, Conn. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y., archts. CD 5/12.

Willimantic Housing Auth., 49 West Ave., Willimantic, Conn., rejected bids Apr. 27. MR 50- moderate rental HOUSING, WILLIMANTIC, CONN. LB, $910,000. New Bids May 18. CD 5/5, under LB.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Dpt. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Geo. M. Brewster & Sons, Inc., 275 W. Ft. Lee Rd., Bogota, N. J., LB, $3,932,654, Contract 25, grading, drainage, paving, bridges for Section 7 of Garden State Parkway from Main St., Matawan to Holland Rd., Matawan, Raritan and Holmdel Twps., Monmouth Co. Bids May 14. CD 4/27.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Dpt. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Ell-Dorer Contg. Co., 644 Nye Ave., Irvington, N. J. LB, $1,106,662, Contract 41, structures at Asbury Ave., W. Park Ave., Wyckoff Rd., Central R. R. of N. J. and Pine Brook Rd. of Garden State Parkway, New Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co. Bids May 14. CD 4/27.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Dpt. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Franklin Contg. Co., 12 Central Ave., Newark, N. J., CA. $1,945,363, Contract No. 37, 7 bridges for Section 7 of Garden State Parkway, Matawan and Raritan Twps., Monmouth Co. Bids Apr. 23, awarded May 8. CD 4/28, under LB.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Weldon Contg. Co., 141 Central Ave., Westfield, N. J., CA, $1,116,501, Contract No. 23, grading, drainage 5.778 mi. Section 8, Garden State Parkway from Chambers Bridge Rd. to Monmouth Co. Route 524N, Lakewood, Ocean Co.;
Reid Contg. Co., Box 215, Woodbridge, N. J., CA. $1,135,034. Contract No. 8, grading, drainage 6.959 mi. Section 8, Garden State Parkway from Toms River By-Pass to Chambers Bridge Rd., Dover and Lakewood Twps., Ocean Co. Bids Apr. 20, awarded May 8. CD 4/22, under LB.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Nilla Contg. Co., Inc., 233 North Ave., Westfield, N. J., LB. $1,776,529, Contract 26, grading, drainage foundations and paving 4.3 mi. Section 7 of Garden State Parkway from Sea Girt Rd. to Route 33, Wall Twp. and New Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co. Bids May 7. CD 4/20.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
S. J. Groves & Sons Co., P.O. Box 85, Woodbridge, N. J., CA, $1,019,390, Contract No. 11, grading, drainage for Section 10 of Garden State Parkway from E. Greenbush Rd. to Westecunk Creek, Eagleswood and Bass River Twps., Ocean Co. Bids Apr. 23, awarded May 8. CD 4/30, under LB.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—State Hy. Dpt., State Office Bldg., Trenton,
S. J. Groves & Sons Co., P.O. Box 85, Woodbridge, N. J., CA, $1,524,189, paving 3.948 mi. Section 1-B of Route 46 (Delaware Gap Freeway) from Dunnfield to Columbia, Pahaquarry and Knowlton Twps., Warren Co. Bids May 6, awarded May 13. CD 5/12, under LB.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Grand Avenue Associates, c/o Wuest & Bailey, archts., 32-03 30 Ave., Long Island City, N. Y. Owner Builds. $223,000, two 1 story FACTORIES, 74 St. south of Grand Ave., four 1 story factories, Grand Ave. west of 74 St., five 1 story factories, Grand Ave. east of 73 Pl., MASPETH, N. Y. CD 5/20/52.

▲ **Gibbs & Hill, Inc.**, Pennsylvania Station, New York, N. Y., CA Total est. $8,000,000 design and construction POWER PLANT addn., PENNSGROVE, N. J. Atlantic City Electric Co., 1600 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

SOUTH

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

† **Va., Portsmouth**—B.A. 5/26—P. Wks. Office, Headquarters, Fifth Naval Dist., U. S. Naval Base, Norfolk, Zone 11, repairs to railroad trestle at U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Juliens Creek, NOY 78244 S/F, Spec. 37666. Plans deposit $10. posit $10.

† **Fla., Miami**—BUILDINGS—B.A. 6/10—Dpt. Navy, Officer in Charge of Construction, Naval Base, S. C., repairing frame buildings, NOY 76267; repairing masonry buildings, Marine Corps Air Station, NOY 76266. Plans deposit $10 each.

† **S. C., Charleston**—FOUNDATION—B.A. 6/10—Dpt. Navy, Officer in Charge of Construction, Naval Base, Charleston, foundation for sand conditioner, Naval Shipyard, NOY 77407. Plans deposit $10.

† **S. C., Sumter**—STORM DRAINAGE—B.A. About 6/14—U. S. Eng., Custom House, Charleston, addnl. storm drainage. No. 38-081-53-30. C 09/25/51.

† **Kentucky**—B.A. 6/16—U. S. Eng., 830 W. Broadway, Louisville, Zone 3, Beargrass Creek Pumping Plant, rein.-con., structural steel, brick, substructure 200x265 ft., superstructure 36x265 ft., fdn. will be grouted, incl. installation of govt. furnished pumping and electrical equip., sluice gates, roller gates, 700 lin. ft. 8 ft. monolithic concrete sewer, 500 lin. ft. 24 in. sewer, 49,000 cu. yd. levee embankment, Letterle Ave., closure structure, manholes, gatewells, appurtenances, Louisville, CIVENG-15-029-53-1-121. Plans deposit $25. CD 3/17/52.

† **S. C., Sumter**—WAREHOUSE, etc.—B.A. About 6/24—U. S. Eng., Customhouse, Charleston, warehouse and 2 cold storage bldgs. addns., Shaw Air Force Base, No. 38-081-53-28. CD 9/25/51.

Ga., Warner Robins—B.A. After 7/1—City, City Hall, treatment plant, distr. sys., ground and elevated water storage facilities. $708,000. Vinson & Co., 30 14 St. N.E., Atlanta, engrs. CD 10/28.

▲ **Ga., Warner Robins**—B.A. After 7/1—City, sewage treatment plant, collection system and outfall sewers, $1,297,000. Vinson & Co., 30 14 St. N.E., Atlanta, engrs. CD 10/28.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

† **Va., Williamsburg**—LOCOMOTIVE SHED—B.A. 6/2—P. Wks. Office, Headquarters, Fifth Naval Dist., U. S. Naval Base, Norfolk, Zone 11, locomotive shed addn. at United States Naval Supply Center (Cheatham Annex), NOY 77116, Spec. 36572. Plans deposit $10.

Ga., Savannah—CENTRAL HEATING PLANT—B.A. 6/10—Bd. Regents, University System of Georgia, 20 Ivy St. S.E., Atlanta, central heating plant at Savannah State College, $135,000. Plans deposit $50. CD 7/3.

† **Tenn., Oak Ridge**—SCHOOL—B.A. 6/12—U. S. Atomic Energy Comn., P.O. Box E, Attention: R. J. Dunbar, Oak Ridge Constr. Area, Oak Ridge, Glenwood Elementary School rehabilitation, Inv. No. 401-53-8A. Plans deposit $10.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Baugham Constr. Co., Luray, Va., CA. $255,838, PLANT. LURAY, VA. Luray Civic League, Inc., Luray, Va. Blue Bell, Inc., Jefferson Bldg., Greensboro, N. C. lessee. Bids Apr. 30. (Correction-owners name). CD 5/13, under CA.

Consolidated Realty Co., 40 Pryor St., Atlanta, Ga. Owner Builds, $375,000, OFFICE, 1401 Peachtree St., ATLANTA, GA.

C. T. Moulton, Decatur, Ga., CA, $100,000 PLANT addn., AVONDALE ESTATES, GA. Georgia Duck & Cordage Co., Avondale Estates, Ga.

Richardson Constr. Co., 429 S. 24 St., Birmingham, Ala., CA $300,000, OFFICE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. Nelson Weaver Companies, 2917 Highland Ave. S., Birmingham, Ala. CD 5/15.

J. F. Holley Co., 905 6 Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala., CA, $600,000 electrode mfg. PLANT, MONTEVALLO, ALA. Westinghouse Electric Corp., P.O. Box 2278, Pittsburgh, Pa. Bids May 31. CD 4/13, under LB.

MIDDLE WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

† **O., Columbus**—NAVIGATIONAL AIDS—B.A. 6/12—U. S. Eng. 237 Fourth Ave., Huntington 18, W. Va., constr. navigational aids, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Serial No. ENG-46-022-53-36. CD 5/13.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

Ind., Columbus—GYMNASIUM—B.A. 7/1—Columbus Gymnasium Holding Co., Columbus, gymnasium, $975,000. Plans deposit $25. CD 1/13.

SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

Ill., Mundelein—PLANT—Callaghan & Co., Mundelein, soon lets contract, 1 story, bsmnt., 16,000 sq. ft. printing plant addn. $300,000.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Healy Bros. Co.**, 1818 W. Monterrey St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $1,945,238, Wrightwood Auxiliary sewer, Logan Blvd. from River to Whipple St., CHICAGO, ILL. City, City Hall, Chicago, Ill. Bids Mar. 24, Awarded Apr. 23. CD 3/9.

▲ **John C. Tully Co.**, 2608 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, 12, Ill. CA, $2,398,405, Kostner Auxiliary Sewers, N. & S. Lockwood from Fulton to Hirsh Sts., Iowa and Huron Sts., CHICAGO, ILL. City, City Hall, Chicago, Ill. Awarded Apr. 23. CD 1/21.

▲ **Robert A. Anderson**, 4550 W. Patterson St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $1,036,048, paving Congress Expressway from 12 to 1 Aves., Maywood;
Peter J. Crowley Co., 12 Broadview, Maywood, Ill., CA, $814,846, paving Congress Expressway from 12 to 21 Aves., Maywood;
Arcole Midwest Corp., 3225 Main St., Evanston, Ill., CA, $1,327,402 paving Congress Expressway from 21 St. to Addison Creek Bridge, Bellwood, CHICAGO, ILL. Cook County, County Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Grand total, $3,178,296. Bids Apr. 7, awarded Apr. 28. CD 4/14, under LB.

PROJECTS COVERED

Projects—By Size

Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $34,000; other public works $60,000; industrial buildings $82,000; other buildings $300,000.

Classes of Construction

(Name in order of Listing)

Water Supply
Sewers, Waste Disposal
Bridges
Streets & Roads
Earthwork, Waterways
Latin America
Public Buildings
Commercial Buildings
Industrial Buildings
Unclassified

Stages Reported

PROPOSED WORK: Including appointment of engineers or architects.

BIDS ASKED (new announcements only). For full calendar, see also preceding issues of ENR.

LOW BIDDERS: On jobs below $500,000 value all low bidder news will be the final reports published on the projects invloved except where award is not made to the low bidder. In this case, a supplementary contract award report will be published.

CONTRACTS AWARDED: Except awards to low bidders previously reported in low bidder stage.

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Symbols and Abbreviations Include:

† Federal Government
▲ Project of $1,000,000 or over.
B.A. Bids Asked
ENR Engineering News-Record
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G. S. Chastain, 1500 E. Garfield St., Decatur, Ill., CA, water mains;

H. R. P. Constr. Co., Fort Branch, Ind., CA, water and sewage treatment plant, NEWTON, ILL. Total cost $250,000. City, Newton, Ill. Bids Apr. 14, awarded Apr. 23. CD 4/1.

† Pathman Constr. Co., 32 W. Randolph St., Chicago, 1, Ill., CA, $525,000, SCHOOL, Chanute Air Force Base, RANTOUL, ILL. U. S. Eng., Merchandise Mart, Chicago, 54, Ill. Awarded May 7.

BUILDINGS

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲ † The Brown Boveri Corp., 19 Rector St., New York, N. Y., CA $3,553,700, outdoor metal switchgear for switch yard;

General Electric Corp., River Rd., Schenectady, N. Y. CA. $945,000, new Ohio atomic plant, for GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT (Subcontractors under Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., P. O. Box 268, Portsmouth, O.) for Atomic Energy Comn., 1901 Constitution Ave., N. W. Wash. 25, D. C., PIKETON and WAKEFIELD, O. CD 8/13, under CA.

Vasbinder Realty Co., Chesterfield, Ind., Owner Builds, $350,000, HOMES CHESTERFIELD, IND.

Junedale Home Builders, 4801 Jefferson St., Gary, Ind., Owner Builds, $700,000, 75 HOUSES between 58 and 61, Grant and Cleveland Sts., GARY, IND. Frederic Collins, 545 Broadway, Gary, Ind., archt. Awarded May 1.

R. R. Palmer, 300 E. 38 St., Indianapolis, Ind., Owner Builds, $500,000, HOMES in Devon Woods Area, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Merrick Realty Co., S. Meridian St. at Banta Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. Owner Builds, $500,000, 25 or more HOMES in south INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

United Builders, Glass Block Marion, Ind., Owner Builds, $350,000, HOMES in new district along Mississinewa River, MARION, IND.

Bo-Mar Realtors, Southport, Ind., Owner Builds, $600,000 HOMES in area SOUTHPORT, IND. T. Bowles & Sons Co., Southport, Ind., engrs.

Pepper Constr. Co., 308 W. Washington St., Chicago, 6, Ill., CA, $300,000, WAREHOUSE, 22 St. and Union Ave., CHICAGO, ILL. Marshall Field & Co., State and Randolph Sts., Chicago, Ill. Awarded Apr. 28. CD 3/2.

▲ Jacobson Bros. Co., 20 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, 6, Ill., CA, $4,500,000. 23 story, 187 unit APARTMENT, 1000 Lake Shore Dr., CHICAGO, ILL. Harold & L. Perlman, 50 Beach St., Glencoe, Ill. Shaw, Metz & Dolio, 208 S. La Salle St., Chicago, 4, Ill., assoc. archts. Sidney Morris & Assocs., 134 N. La Salle St., Chicago, 2, Ill., archts. Bids Apr. 29. CD 4/17.

J. Emil Anderson Co., 1809 Balmoral St., Chicago, 40, Ill., CA, $750,000, 75,000 sq. ft. FACTORY, Cicero Ave. and Le Moyne Ave., CHICAGO, ILL. Motorola Corp., 4545 W. Augusta St., Chicago, Ill. Awarded May 1.

J. & W. Construction Co., 6326 W. Jackman Ave., Chicago Ridge, Ill., Owner Builds, $850,000, 60 HOMES, CHICAGO RIDGE, ILL. Awarded Apr. 30.

▲ † Corbetta Constr. Co., 208 S. La Salle St., Chicago, 4, Ill., CA, $1,047,100, two general purpose and heavy materials WAREHOUSES, NOY 76097, Spec. 35946, GREAT LAKES, ILL. P. Wks. Office, Bldg. 1-A, Ninth Naval District, Great Lakes, Ill. Bids May 10, awarded Apr. 24. CD 2-18.

Kenneth Constr. Co., 6237 Broadway, Chicago, Ill., Owner Builds, $400,000, 25 HOMES, near Bob-O-Link Golf Course, HIGHLAND PARK, ILL. Harold Pawlin, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, 11, Ill., archt. Awarded May 4.

WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

† Minnesota—B.A. About 6/16—U. S. Eng., 1217 U. S. Post Office and Custom House, St. Paul, Zone 1, channel imprv. upper reach of Marsh River in Red River of the North drainage basin northwestern part of Minnesota, approx. 21 mi. reach of Marsh River exten. from point of diversion on Wild Rice River about 4 mi. east of Ada, Norman Co., CIVENG-21-018-53-70.

SOON LETS CONTRACTS—BUILDINGS

▲ Tex., San Antonio—TELEPHONE—Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., 105 Auditorium Circle, soon lets contract 2 story on top existing 7 story telephone bldg. incl. penthouse. $1,250,000. CD 4/17.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

P. Lametti, 615 Drake St., St. Paul, Minn. CA, $743,922 sanitary sewers, RICHFIELD, MINN. Village, P. H. Haugen, clk., Richfield, Minn. CD 5/11, under LB.

† Orlando Constr. Co., Coleman, Wis., LB. $146,765, Garrison switchyard approaches, Missouri-Souris Dist., Mercer and McLean Counties, Spec. DC-3922, NORTH DAKOTA. Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo. Bids Apr. 30. CD 3/30.

W. H. Noel Constr. Co., Jamestown, N. D., LB. $381,928. paving, curbing, guttering, MANDAN, N. D. City, Mandan, N. D. Bids Apr. 27. CD 4/9.

† SOUTH DAKOTA—Bureau P. Rds., Dpt. Commerce, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo.

Summit Constr. Co., Rapid City, S. D., LB. $148,773. highway constr., Deadwood-Custer-Hot Springs, Forest Hy. Proj. 1-D3, Pennington Co. Bids Apr. 29. CD 4/21.

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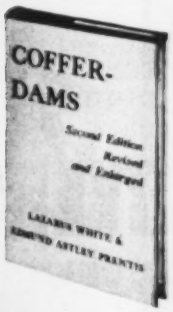

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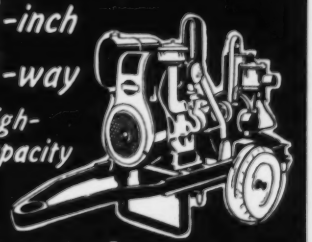

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▲ Morrison-Knudsen, Inc., 319 Broadway, Boise, Idaho CA, $5,000,000, developing Jackson Hole Valley, Grand Teton National Park, incl. hotel, tourist village WYOMING. Grand Teton Lodge & Transportation Co., c/o contractor. Gilbert S. Underwood, 2500 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., D. C., archt.

Basanda Constr. Co., 2925 N.W. 29th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., LB. $201,469, 25 mi. rural distr. lines and 2 KVA sub-stations, Lovington, NEW MEXICO. Lea County Electric Co-operative, Lovington, N. M. H. N. Roberts & Assoc., 1310 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Tex., engrs. Bids May 7. CD 1/7.

▲† J. W. Bateson Co., Inc., 1102 Irwin-Keasler Bldg., Dallas, Tex., LB. $2,921,182, hangar maintenance, 600,000 gal. ground water storage tank, 6 in. water lines, pumping station, water, sanitary and storm sewers, Walker Air Force Base, Inv. No. Eng-29-005-53-113, ROSWELL, N. M. U. S. Eng., Box 1538, Albuquerque, N. M. Bids May 7. CD 4/20.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

James T. Taylor & Son, P.O. Box 225, Fort Worth, Tex. CA. $397,514, brick, tile, concrete haydite block East Side Elementary SCHOOL, ARLINGTON, TEX. Arlington Independent School Dist., Arlington, Tex. A. George King & Assoc., 719 Penn St., Fort Worth, Tex., archts. Bids May 12.

▲ Theodore W. Berenson, c/o Irving Klein, archt., 1317 Austin St., Houston, Tex. and John Graham, archt., Dexter-Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash., cancelled bids Gulfgate SHOPPING CENTER, 850,000 sq. ft. $10,000,000; 2nd unit SHOPPING CENTER, $5,000,000; water sys., $40,000; auto parking facilities for 6,000 cars, $190,000. HOUSTON, TEX. CD 3/20.

▲ Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp., 5000 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Tex. Owner Builds. $5,500,000. 241,564 sq. ft. OIL PLANT, $150,000, general STORAGE or WAREHOUSING UNIT in plant area; $150,000, MACHINE and EQUIP. REPAIR SHOP, HOUSTON, TEX. Grand total $5,800,000. CD 5/14.

R. E. McKee, General Contractor, Inc., Box 1706, Santa Fe, N. M., CA. $509,100. BANK, SANTA FE, N. M. First National Bank, 57 Shelby St., Santa Fe, N. M. Bids Apr. 20. CD 5/5, under LB.

FAR WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

Ore., Coquille—B.A. 6/8—City, City Hall, sewage treatment plant. Plans deposit $40. Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, Corvallis, engrs. CD 2/4.

Ore., Myrtle Point—B.A. 6/8—City, City Hall, sewage treatment plant. Plans deposit $30. Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, Corvallis, engrs.

† Idaho, Boise—HANGAR—B.A. 6/18—U. S. Eng., City-County Airport, Walla Walla, Wash., hangar and airfield facilities, Gowen Field, Eng-45-164-53-59. Plans deposit $200. F. S. Tandy, City-County Airport, Walla Walla, Wash., engrs. CD 2/17.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

Wash., Seattle—SCHOOL—B.A. 6/9—Highline School District 401, 253 S. 152 St., 4 rein.-con. Sylvester Junior High School bldgs. $836,000. Plans deposit $25. Steinhart, Stanley & Theriault, Medical Arts Bldg., Seattle, Zone 4, archts. CD 11/3.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

IDAHO—State Hy. Dpt., Boise,

Murphy Bros., E. 3728 Broadway, Spokane, Wash., CA, $121,291, roadway and crushed rock surf. 5.626 mi. Selle Road, Bonner Co. Bids May 5, awarded May 6. CD 4/16.

ARIZONA—State Hy. Dpt., 17 Ave. and Jackson St., Phoenix,

Bentson Contg. Co., 2800 S. Central Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., LB, $119,916, furnishing, placing course and aggregate base, bit. surf. tr. 7.4 mi. Clifton-Springerville Rd., Greenlee Co. Bids Apr. 16 rejected. CD 5/6, under LB.

ARIZONA—State Hy. Dpt., 17 Ave. and Jackson St., Phoenix,

L. M. White Contg. Co., Box 6008, Tucson, Ariz., LB, $122,586, select material, aggregate base, bit. road mix 2 sections, Craycroft Rd., Pima Co.;

Tanner Bros., 731 N. 19 Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., LB, $241,590, select material aggregate base, bit. plant mix 3 1/3 mi. Ehrenburg-Wickenburg, Maricopa Co.;

M. M. Sundt Constr. Co., Box 2592, Tucson, Ariz., LB, $243,354, select material, aggregate base, 8.3 mi. McNary-Eagar Hy., Apache Co. CD 6/12.

WASHINGTON—State Hy. Comn., Olympia,

A. V. Phillips, 1400 W. Nickerson St., Seattle, Wash., LB. $103,834, reconstr. timber portions of Columbia River Bridge No. 10-BC1, at Brewster, Douglas and Okanogan Counties;

J. E. Alexander, Vashon, Wash., LB. $113,676, steel girder undercrossing on Hy. 1 for U. S. Army Ry. together with clearing, grading, draining 0.263 mi. Snohomish Co. Bids May 12. CD 4/29.

▲ WASHINGTON—State Hy. Comn., Olympia,

A. H. Beaty, South Bend, Wash., LB. $139,302, plant mix bit. 0.805 mi. Hy. 13-A, Johns River vicinity F.A.S. No. AS 0250 (2), Grays Harbor Co.;

Peter Kiewit Sons Co., Longview, Wash., $683,095, b. conc., c. conc. 6.39 mi. Hy. 2, Ollalla Creek to Hyak, King and Kittitas Counties;

Scarsella Bros., 2207 S. 146 St., Seattle, Wash., LB. $135,151, clearing, draining, grading 1.06 mi. Hy. 1, Foster Creek to Cowlitz River bridge, F.A.P. No. I-001-2 (19), Unit 1, Lewis Co.;

Asphalt Paving & Eng. Co., P.O. Box 106, South Tacoma, Wash., LB. $108,655, non-skid seal treatment, bit. and b. conc. 5.323 mi. Hys. 1, 5 and 5-D, Tacoma to Buckley, Pierce Co.;

N. Fiorito Co., 844 W. 48 St., Seattle, Wash., CA. $158,613, surf., bit. 7.9 mi. South Fork Stillaguamish Hy., Proj. U DS-,E1,F 2,G1, Snohomish Co.;

N. G. Johanson, E. 1828 Trent St., Spokane, Wash., LB. $83,371, non-skid seal tr. 90.57 mi. Hys. 2, 7, 22 and 4-B, Spokane to Junction with Hy. 11, Spokane, Lincoln, Stevens and Adams Counties. Bids May 12. CD 4/29.

† U. S. Eng., City—County Airport, Walla Walla, Wash. rejected bids May 5, well with pump, pumphouse and irrigation system, Wallula Cemetery, CIVENG-45-165-53-100, WALLULA, WASH. New Bids May 21. CD 4/9.

▲† McDonald Bros., 6014 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. LB. $1,106,843, barracks, mess-administration bldg., Edwards Air Force Base, ENG-04-353-53-123, MUROC, CALIF. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids May 12. CD 5/4.

▲ Daley Corp., Box 67 N. Park Station, San Diego, Calif., LB. $1,121,324, imprv. Wabash Blvd. Section "B", SAN DIEGO, CALIF. City, Civic Center, San Diego, Calif.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

M. P. Butler Co., 3419 13 Ave. S.W., Seattle, Wash., LB. $542,713, sand and gravel PLANT, STEILLACOOM, WASH. Glacier Sand & Gravel Co., 5975 E. Marginal Way, Seattle, Wash. Kaiser Engineers, Kaiser Bldg., Oakland, Calif., engrs. CD 5/11.

Mead & O'Donnell, 7769 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., LB. $344,893, 1 story, frame, stucco Newcastle SCHOOL, Reseda, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Los Angeles Bd. Educ., 1425 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids May 8. CD 4/29.

CANADA

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

Que., Montreal—B.A. 7/7—Municipality, City Hall, supply, install one pump and 3 pumping units, incl. motor controls at Central and McTavish Pumping Station. H. A. Gibeau, City Hall, city engr. CD 5/11.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ N. B., Woodstock—HOSPITAL—B.A. 6/12—Carleton Memorial Hospital Bd., J. D. Winslow, chn., Woodstock, 3 story, penthouse, X-shaped, 49x206 ft., 77x191 ft. memorial hospital, 22x60 ft. boiler house with connecting tunnel, $1,000,000. Plans deposit $50. Govan, Ferguson, Lindsay, Kaminker, Langley & Keanleyside, 17 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Ont., archts. CD 11/24.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

F. Jobin, Inc., 925 Ste. Therese St., Quebec City, Que., CA, $175,000, 2½ story, 50x140 ft., concrete, stone greenhouse, ST. NICOLAS, QUE. Donald Ross, 14 Ste. Foye Rd., Quebec City, Que. H. Ross Wiggs, 4350 W. Sherbrooke St., Montreal, Que., archt.

North West Iron & Eng. Co. Ltd., Regina, Sask., CA, $106,938, imprv. water treatment in filtration plant, REGINA, SASK. Municipality, City Hall, Regina, Sask. Bids Apr. 20. CD 4/16.

Concrete Products Ltd., Regina, Sask., CA, $160,000 sewers in Transcona and Parkdale Area, REGINA, SASK. Municipality, City Hall, Regina, Sask. Bids Apr. 20. CD 4/16.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ Kenney Constr. Co. Ltd., Old Ferry Rd., Yarmouth, N. S., CA, $1,800,000, T-shaped 5 story, 44x256 ft., 44x100 ft. HOSPITAL, 3 story, 67x90 ft., separate POWERHOUSE and LAUNDRY, NEW GLASGOW, N. S. Aberdeen Hospital Comn., New Glasgow, N. S. McDougall & Friedman, 1235 McGill College Ave., engrs. E. J. Turcotte, 1478 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Que., archt. Awarded May 11. CD 4/14/48.

Harvey W. Foster, 132 Riverside Dr., Oakville, Ont., Owner Builds. $450,000, 3 story, 55x252 ft., concrete, masonry frame, brick APARTMENT, OAKVILLE, ONT.

W. H. Yates Constr. Ltd., 400 Wellington St., Hamilton, Ont., CA, $412,032, steel, stone, concrete central WORKSHOP, SERVICE BLDG. included Shirley Bay, OTTAWA, ONT. Defence Research Bd., Ottawa, Ont. Bids Apr. 28. CD 4/15.

Dansereau Ltd., 1387 Bernard St. W., Montreal, Que., CA, HOSPITAL addn. St. Matthew St., ST. LAURENT, QUE. Hospital of Our Lady of Hope, Ville St. Laurent, Que. Duplessis & Assocs., 822 E. Sherbrooke St., Montreal, Que., archts.

J. A. Verret Ltd., 86 N. Wellington St., Sherbrooke, Que., CA, $350,000, 3 story, 41x67 ft., rein.-con., stone MONASTERY, Galt St., SHERBROOKE, QUE. Reverend Dominican Fathers, Sherbrooke, Que. Cote & Assocs., 189 Wellington St., Sherbrooke, engrs. A. Royer, 358 Woodward Ave. Sherbrooke, Que., archt.

C. M. Miners Constr. Co., 615 Main St., Saskatoon, Sask., CA, $500,000, 100,000 sq. ft., WAREHOUSE OFFICE, 33 and Ontario Sts., SASKATOON, SASK. Marshall-Wells Co. Ltd., Ontario Ave. and 24 St., Saskatoon, Sask. Bids May 1. CD 4/8.

ALASKA

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

† **ALASKA**—B.A. 6/16—Alaska Road Comn., Dpt. Interior, 4th and Harris St., Juneau, grading, drainage 19.84 mi. Glenn Hy. Sect. D3. Plans deposit $10. J. D. Argetsinger, c/o owner, ch. engr. CD 3/3/52.

Proposed Projects

WATER SUPPLY

Ala., Huntsville—City, City Hall, WW imprvs. $778,500, G. W. Jones & Sons, Huntsville, consult. engrs. CD 2/2/50.

Calif., Santa Barbara—City, City Hall, voted $942,000 bonds WW system imprvs. James M. Montgomery, 15 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, consult. engr. CD 3/31.

Mich., Harbor Beach—City, water sys., filtration plant, water mains, pumping structure, misc. $500,000. Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., 2640 Buhl Bldg., Detroit, consult. engrs.

▲ **Neb., Lincoln**—City, City Hall, voted $8,500,000 bonds, water sys. imprvs., exten. D. L. Erickson, Lincoln, city engr. CD 4/20.

▲ **O., Dayton**—Comrs. Montgomery Co., Court House, water distr. sys., for Northridge district, covering 1,730-acre area. $1,256,209. Edwin D. Smith, co. sanitary engr. CD 8/17/50.

Tenn., Manchester—City, WW imprvs. $668,000, Howard, Hickerson & Jordan, Inc., 304½ Third Ave. N., Nashville, consult. engr.

Tenn., Tullahoma—City, WW imprvs. $728,000, Greeley & Hansen, 220 S. State St., Chicago, Ill., consult. engrs. CD 5/3/51.

SEWERS, WASTE DISPOSAL

▲ **Ala., Huntsville**—City, City Hall, sanitary sewerage imprvs. $1,000,000. G. W. Jones & Sons, Huntsville, consult. engrs.

Fla., Coral Gables—City, City Hall, addnl. storm sewers. $800,000. CD 11/9/44.

▲ **Ill., Decatur**—Decatur Sanitary District, 600 Powers Lane, bond election May 26, interceptor sewerage sys. $4,200,000. Warren & Van Praag, 253 S. Park St., engrs. CD 11/29/50.

▲ **Ia., Ottumwa**—City, City Hall, trunk sewers and sewage plant. $2,500,000. Black & Veatch, 4706 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo., consult. engrs. CD 1/15/47.

▲ **O., Dayton**—Comrs. Montgomery Co., Court House, sewerage sys. for Northridge Dist. $1,239,290. Edwin D. Smith, co. sanitary engr. CD 8/17/50, under Water Supply.

BRIDGES

Ga., Rome—Floyd Co., County Clerk, Court House, bond election June 16, three bridges, $500,000.

O., Hamilton—City, City Hall, and Butler Co., Court House, widen Columbia Bridge, $400,000.

STREETS AND ROADS

Fla., Sarasota—City, City Hall, voted bonds, street imprvs. $600,000. CD 5/11.

EARTHWORK, WATERWAYS

▲ **New Hampshire**—State, Dpt. P. Wks. Hys., State House Annex, Concord, sea wall from Ashworth Hotel to Boar's Head, Hampton Beach, $1,000,000.

B. C., Vancouver—Dominion Govt., Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont., dredging, First Narrows. $750,000. R. Blais, c/o owner, engr.

▲ **Ont., Brantford**—Grand River Conservation Comn., E. F. Roberts, secy., Guelph, Conestoga Dam, 1,800 ft. wide, base below bedrock, near Glen Allen, 22 mi. west of Guelph. $5,409,000. H. G. Acres & Co., Niagara Falls, consult. engrs. CD 6/30/44.

AIRPORTS

▲ **Calif., Los Angeles**—AIRPORTS addns., etc.—City, City Hall, $33,255,000 bond election May 26, airports addns., imprvs. CD 5/16/45.

▲† **N. J., Wrightstown**—DISPENSARY DENTAL CLINIC—U. S. Eng., 121 N. Broad St., Phila., 1, Pa., dispensary dental clinic, blood processing center, McGuire Air Force Base. $1,100,000. McCormick Lewis & Kapf Assocs., 1321 Arch St., Phila., archts., and engrs. CD 5/9/52.

LATIN AMERICA

▲ **Mexico, Guadalajara**—State-Federal Govts., c/o Comision del Rio Lerma, P. de la Reforma, 69, Mexico City, plans WW. $4,650,000. Ing. Elias Gonzalez Chavez, c/o owner, consult. engr. CD 4/1/48.

▲ **Mexico, Madin**—Comision Hidraulica del Valle de Mexico, P. de la Reforma, 69, Mexico City, plans storage dam. $1,150,000.

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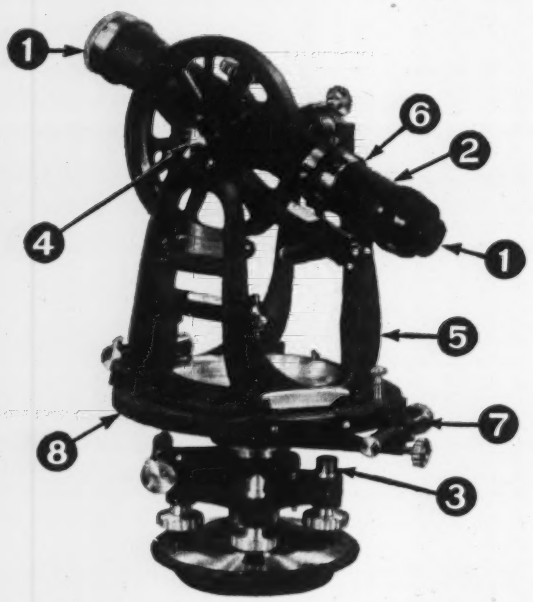

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Birmingham**—NURSES HOME, etc.—University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, nurses home, $800,000, remodeling out-patients clinic, $500,000 for University of Alabama Medical Center.

▲ **Ala., Mobile**—COURT HOUSE—Mobile Co., Court House, plans by Henry J. Apfelbach, 804½ St. Francis St., court house, $4,000,000. CD 3/52.

Ala., Mobile—SCHOOL—Mobile Co. Bd. Educ., Court House, plans by Platt Roberts & Co., Merchants National Bank Bldg., Central Junior High School, $835,000. CD 11/1.

Calif., Downey—SCHOOLS—Gallatin School District, 9513 S. Lexington Rd., plans by Anthony & Langford, T. V. Anthony II, 1316 E. Rosecrans Ave., Compton, six 1 story, 37000 sq. ft., stucco Tweedy Lane School buildings, $500,000.

▲ **Calif., Paramount**—SCHOOL FACILITIES—Paramount Unified School District, 15324 California Ave., $2,750,000 bond election June 18, school facilities.

Conn., Middletown—SCHOOL—Town, Bd. Educ., Town Hall, plans by Warren H. Ashley, 967 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, elementary school, Wadsworth Long Lane Section, $850,000.

Ga., Augusta—SCHOOL—Richmond Co. Bd. Educ., Court House, plans by Lyman H. Robertson, 633 Telfair St., Silvercrest—Richmond Hill School, $500,000.

▲ **Ga., Cairo**—SCHOOLS—Grady Co. Bd. Educ., Cairo plans by Southern Eng. Co., 1000 Crescent Ave. N. E., Atlanta, Washington Consolidated School, $630,000; Cairo High School, $500,000; Whigham Elementary School, $340,000. CD 4/1.

▲ **Ga., Dalton**—HOSPITAL—City and Whitfield Co., $450,000 bond election June 3, hospital, $1,250,000. CD 4/20.

Ga., Rome—HOSPITAL—Floyd Co. bond election date extended to June 16, hospital addn. $500,000. CD 5/6.

Ga., Knoxville—HIGH SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Knoxville, plans by J. W. Radotinsky, 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, high school, $650,000.

▲ **Ga., Waycross**—HOSPITAL—Ware County, voted $500,000 bonds, hospital, $1,500,000. Gregson & Ellis, Mortgage Guarantee Bldg., Atlanta, archts. CD 4/14.

Ill., Elmhurst—SCHOOLS—School District 46 c/o Arthur Hawthorne School, plans by Spencer B. Cone & Chas. Dornbusch, 100 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Zone 2, West Ave. School, and Poplar School, Crescent Ave. $880,000.

Ind., Gary—SCHOOL—School City of Gary 524 Garfield St., plans by Beine Hall & Curran, 31 E. 5 St., Gary, Ind., Pulaski High School addn. $500,000.

▲ **Ky., Louisville**—HOSPITAL—City, 303 E. Chestnut St., plans by Samuel Hannaford & Sons, Dix Terminal Bldg., Cincinnati, O., rehabilitation of general hospital $3,000,000. CD 11/10.

▲ **La., Lake Charles**—COURT HOUSE and JAIL—Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, $3,000,000 bond election May 19, court house and jail addn. Dunn & Quinn, Lake Charles, archts. CD 1/14.

▲ **Mich., Ann Arbor**—HOSPITAL—State, A. N. Langius, dir. State Bldg. Dpt., Lansing, children's hospital institution for psychiatric treatment, $2,000,000. Site changed. CD 2/5, under Mich., Northville.

▲ **Mich., Farmington**—SCHOOLS—Walled Lake Consolidated School Dist., Farmington, brick, steel, concrete high school, Oakley Park Rd. and S. Commerce St. serving West Bloomfield, Commerce, White Lake, Farmington and Novi, $1,000,000; elementary school, Twin Beach Area, $320,000.

▲† **Minn., Minneapolis**—ARSENAL IMPRVS.—U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Neb., Twin Cities Arsenal bldgs., utilities for constr. of small arms ammunition near here, $1,140,000.

▲ **Mo., Ferguson-Florissant** — SCHOOL — Reorganized School Dist. R-2, St. Louis Co. Bd. Educ., Mildred C. Jeske, secy., 200 Church St., Ferguson, Zone 21, voted $1,000,000 bonds, May 5, elementary school southside of distr., elementary school near U. S. 66 and Florissant Rd., addnl. bldg. for Junior-Senior High School. CD 4/30.

▲ **Mo., Kansas City**—SERVICE CENTER—City, c/o Reed McKinley, dir. Dpt. P. Wks., City Hall, municipal service center for Dpts. Police, Fire and Public Works for North Kansas City, 4 main structures on 8 acre tract, $1,095,000.

Mo., Riverview Gardens (St. Louis 15 P.O.)—SCHOOL—Riverview Gardens School Dist., Bd. Educ., Everett Lamaster, supt. Schools, 587 Chambers St., Zone 15, plans by Walter P. Manske, 9947 Riverview Blvd., St. Louis, Zone 15, 3 elementary schools in Glasgow Village, Hathaway Hills, and Moline areas, $800,000. CD 4/30.

Mo., St. Charles—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., St. Charles School Dist., $850,000 bond election June 9, Junior High School, Kingshighway and Waverly St., imprvs., addns. to school bldgs.

N. C., Cullowhee — PHYSICAL EDUCATION — Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, physical education bldg., $600,000.

▲ **N. C., Fayetteville**—CIVIC CENTER—City, civic center, $1,000,000.

▲ **N. C., Gastonia**—SCHOOL—Gaston Co. Bd. Educ., $5,600,000 bond election June 20, school imprvs. CD 5/5.

O., Bexley—SCHOOLS—Bexley School Dist., Bexley voted $750,000 bonds May 5, schools. CD 4/14.

O., Bowling Green—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Bowling Green, plans by Strong, Strong & Strong, Lima, 2 grade schools. $970,000. Voted bonds Feb. 10. CD 1/9.

▲ **O., Cleveland Heights**—HIGH SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., 1749 Lee Rd., bond election Nov. 3, 24-classroom addn. to Junior high school and elementary schools addns. $3,250,000.

▲ **O., Columbus**—HOUSING—Columbus Metropolitan Housing Auth., 425 W. Rich St., 544 unit, low-rent public housing in Market-Mowhawk' slum clearance area. $7,000,000. CD 11/19.

▲ **O., Galion**—SCHOOLS—Galion School Dist., Galion, defeated $1,350,000 bonds May 5, schools.

▲ **O., Mansfield**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Mansfield, defeated bonds May 5, school program, 5 new schools and additions to 5. $4,400,000. CD 3/24.

▲ **O., Parma**—SCHOOLS—Parma Bd. Educ., Parma voted $3,500,000 bonds May 5, school addns., imprvs. CD 3/31.

O., Whitehall (Br. Columbus)—SCHOOL—Truro Local School Dist., Whitehall, voted $785,000 bonds May 5, Junior-Senior High School. CD 4/3.

R. I., Cumberland—SCHOOL—Town, G. Frank Hanaway, clk., Town Hall, Broad St., Valley Falls, plans by Frederick T. Norton, assoc. archt., 442 Spring Green Rd., Warwick, school, Cumberland Hill, Edgemere Sect. $500,000. C. W. Riva, 511 Westminster St., Providence, consult. engr. CD 3/24.

Tenn., Fayetteville—HIGH SCHOOL—Lincoln Co. Bd. Educ., Fayetteville, plans by Taylor & Crabtree, 1908 Church St., Nashville, brick, steel, concrete high school. $750,000.

▲ **Tex., Austin**—School—Board for Texas State Hospitals & Special Schools, 45 and Lamar Sts., State School for Deaf, 64 cottages. $6,000,000. CD 2/25.

▲ **Tex., Austin**—DORMITORIES—University of Texas, Admin. Bldg., plans by Wilson, Morris & Crain, 3330 Graustark St., Houston, dormitory for law and graduate men students, $967,000; plans by Jessen, Jessen, Millhouse & Greeven, 2816 N. Guadalupe St., women's dormitory, $1,200,000. Mark Lemmon, 1210½ Main St., Dallas, superv. archt. CD 10/28.

▲ **Tex., Corpus Christi**—SCHOOLS—Corpus Christi Independent School Dist., 515 N. Carancahua St., voted bonds May 9, Elementary School No. 1, $300,000; Elementary Schol No. 2, $325,000; Elementary School No. 3, $350,000; Junior High School, $700,000; Ebony and Wynne Schools, $325,000. CD 5/1.

▲ **Tex., Dallas**—SCHOOLS—Dallas Independent School Dist., 3700 Ross St., plans by Hidell & Decker, 2814 Franklin St., Victor H. Hexter Elementary School, $560,000-$700,000; plans by J. A. Pitziner, Southland Life Bldg., N. R. Crozier Technical High School, physical educ. bldg. $300,000; plans by Mark Lemmon, Thomas Bldg., Hillcrest High School addn. $512,000. CD 10/24.

▲ **Va., Fairfax**—HIGH SCHOOL—Fairfax Bd. Educ., Fairfax, plans by Dixon & Norman, 1103 E. Main St., Richmond, McLean High School, McLean. $1,300,000. CD 2/9.

▲ **W. Va., Logan**—HIGH SCHOOL—Logan Co., voted bonds, high school. $1,650,000. CD 12/18/50.

▲ **Ont., Chatham**—HOSPITAL—Chatham Public General Hospital, Chatham, plans by Govan, Ferguson, Lindsay, Kaminker, Langley & Keenleyside, 515 Jarvis St., Toronto, hospital addn. in 3 plans (1) 4 story, bsmnt. alterations to existing building, $2,620,000, (2) 4 story, bsmnt., two top floors unfinished, less power and laundry addn., $1,806,500, (3) 2 story, bsmnt. $1,241,000. H. H. Angus & Assocs., Ltd., 615 Yonge St., Toronto, consult. engrs. CD 10/8.

▲ **Ont., Kingston**—HOSPITAL WING—Kingston General Hospital Bd. Governors, Kingston, plans by Drever & Smith, 81 Brock St., Walter T. Connell hospital wing to General Hospital. $2,000,000. CD 1/23/52.

▲ **Que., Montreal**—HOSPITAL WING—Bd. Governors St. Luke's Hospital, 1058 St. Denis St., plans by Perrault & Gadbois, 3737 Van Horne St., 300-bed hospital wing. $3,500,000 CD 5/18/44, under Commercial Buildings.

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Birmingham**—BANK—Federal Reserve Bank System, 5 Ave. N., plans by Toombs & Co., 127 Walton St. N.W., Atlanta, Ga., bank addn., $1,000,000.

▲ **Calif., San Francisco**—DORMITORY—University of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton St., men's dormitory. $1,500,000.

Conn., New London—APARTMENTS—Londonderry, Inc., 74 W. 190 St., New York 35, N. Y., plans by Oscar Silverstone, 153 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, 86-family garden apartments, $500,000.

▲ **Md., Baltimore**—APARTMENT—Henry A. Knott, Inc., 2406 Greenmount Ave., Zone 18, plans by Kenneth C. Miller, 2203 N. Charles St., brick, concrete, steel apartment, incl. 132-162 units, 8½ acres, $1,000,000.

▲ **Md., Baltimore**—SHOPPING CENTER—Mondawin Corp., 135 E. Baltimore St., Moss Rouse Corp., 345 St. Paul Pl., McKinney W. Egerton, atty., Mathieson Bldg., and Harry Bart, 210 E. Lexington St., plans by Fisher, Williams, Nes & Campbell, 1020 St. Paul St., Zone 2, Mondawin Shopping Center and parking area incl. 8 or 10 story professional bldg., 2 department stores, large food market, about 24 shops, service station, covered walkways, serviced by underground truck terminal, $8,000,000, Van Rensselaer Saxe, 1701 St. Paul St., Zone 2, structural engr. Egli & Gompf, Inc., 1019 N. Calvert St., Zone 2, mech. engr. Daniel Kiley, Charlotte, Va., design consultant. CD 8/5.

▲ **Md., Camp Detrick**—HOUSING—U. S. Eng., First and Douglas Sts. N.W., Wash., D. C., construct, manage and finance military housing, $1,824,000, Mills & Petticord, 3308 14 St. N.W., Wash., D. C., archts.

Mass., Woburn—RESIDENCES—Massachusetts Builders, Inc., H. A. Tambone, 6 Pleasant St., Malden, 52 residences, Washington St. $600,000.

▲ **Mich., Detroit**—HOUSING and REDEVELOPMENT—Housing Corp. of America, subsidiary of Warner-Kanter Companies, 1951 Chaucer St., Cincinnati, O., housing and redevelopment of 21 block area in downtown section of Detroit. $30,000,000.

▲ **Mich., Midland**—CHURCH—Blessed Sacrament R. C. Parish, Camil Klos, pastor, Midland, plans by Paul A. Brysselbout, 1003 Washington Ave., Bay City, church, elementary school, high school, rectory, convent, Ashman and Swede Sts. $1,000,000.

▲ **Minn., Minneapolis**—SHOPPING CENTER—Allied Stores Inc., 401 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., parent firm of L. S. Donaldson Co., 6 St. and Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., store operators, plans by John Graham, 1501 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash., and D. Griswold, assoc. archts., 80 S. 7 St., Minneapolis, shopping center, 76 St. and Humboldt Ave. South, Richfield, $10,000,000. CD 10/8.

Mo., Kansas City—MOTEL—True N. Milleman, 3712 Johnson Dr., Kansas City, Mo., plans by Harry L. Wagner, 15 W. 10 St., Kansas City, Mo., 42 unit motel utilities, parking area. $500,000. CD 4/23, under Kan., Kansas City.

▲ **N. Y., Brighton**—TEMPLE—Faith Temple Corp., George Shea, minister, 20 Grant St., Rochester, plans by Francis Chiaverini, 170 Westminster St., Providence, 2 story brick, stone temple. $1,000,000.

N. Y., Brooklyn—APARTMENT—Kingsland Constr. Corp., 6202 Avenue U, Zone 10, plans by Morris Rothstein & Son, 186 Joralemon St., Zone 2, 6 story apartment, 2310 Ocean Parkway. $600,000.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—APARTMENTS—Samuel Match, c/o Dworman Co., 215 Montague St., Zone 2, plans by Morris Rothstein & Son, 186 Joralemon St., Zone 2, two 120-family apartments, 2717-27 and 2727-41 E. 28 St. $2,400,000.

N. Y., Brooklyn—APARTMENT—Sidbilt, Inc., 17 Neptune Ave., Zone 29, plans by Morris Rothstein & Son, 186 Joralemon St., Zone 2, 6 story apartment, 1150 Ocean Ave. $600,000.

▲ **N. Y., Flushing**—APARTMENT—George Rosen, c/o Seelig & Finkelstein, archts., 153 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, Zone 2, 6 story apartment, Kissena Blvd., east of Sanford Ave. $1,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., Forest Hills**—OFFICE—Lefrak Organization, 97-27 64 Rd., 15 story office south side of Queens Blvd. and 83 Ave. $6,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., Freeport**—HOSPITAL—Doctors General Hospital, Inc., c/o Dr. John N. Shell, 155 W. Merrick Rd., 115-bed hospital, north side of Merrick Rd. between Washington St. and Bayview Ave. $1,000,000.

O., Canton—OFFICE—Ohio Power Co., 301 Cleveland Ave. S.W., 6 story, 70x74 ft. office, annex to present headquarters. $670,000.

▲ **O., Waverly**—HOMES—Waverly Estates, Inc., 74 E. Gay St., Columbus, plans by Harry Roderick, 12 N. Third St., Columbus, 115 new frame homes. $1,000,000.

▲ **Okla., Bartlesville**—OFFICE, etc.—H. C. Price Welding Co., Bartlesville, plans by Frank Lloyd Wright, Spring Green, Wis., Price Tower, 18 story office, apartment and shops. $1,000,000.

Okla., Oklahoma City—EDUCATIONAL—First Presbyterian Church, 1001 N. Robinson St., plans by Parr & Aderhold, Hales Bldg., educational bldg., called Watchorn Hall, N.W. 25 and Olie Sts. $500,000. CD 3/7/50.

▲ **Tenn., Memphis**—RESIDENCES—Country Club Estates, c/o I. A. Wadlington, Jr. & J. O. E. Beck, III, archts., 1856 Autumn Ave., 1,750 residences, $22,000,000.

Tex., Midland—COMMUNITY CENTER—House Beautiful Homes, Inc., 3100 Travis St., plans by Charles Armstrong, 1st Life Bldg., Fort Worth, 1 story, 188,000 sq. ft. masonry community center. $750,000.

Tex., Paris—HOTEL—A. C. Nicholson, Kirby Bldg., plans by Fred Murphy, 1922 Avenue A, Fort Worth, 80-room hotel Bonham and 7 Sts. $750,000.

Va., Clifton Forge—HOSPITAL—Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co., L. T. Nuckols, ch. engr., 823 E. Main St., Richmond, Zone 10, hospital addn. $500,000.

Wash., Tacoma—HOSPITAL—Tacoma Orthopedics Assn., Tacoma, plans by J. W. Maloney, Central Bldg., Seattle, Zone 4, and Lea, Person & Richards, Tacoma Bldg., Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. $900,000. CD 3/31/50.

▲ **Ont., Ottawa**—HOUSING—Le Boulogis d'Ottawa, Ltd., A. Desjardins, 281 Dalhousie St., 350-low rent housing units in eastern part of city. $2,800,000.

Ont., Ottawa—HOUSES—Ottawa Lowren Housing Co., G. Cecil Morrison, pres., 94 Echo Dr., addnl. 100 low-rent houses Prince Albert, Queen Mary and King George Sts., in Overbrook, $800,000.

▲ **Ont., Toronto**—RESIDENCE—University of Toronto, Simcoe Hall, Toronto, plans by Mathers & Haldenby, 15 St. Mary St., 3 story two wings men's residence, central clock. $1,500,000. CD 1/20/47.

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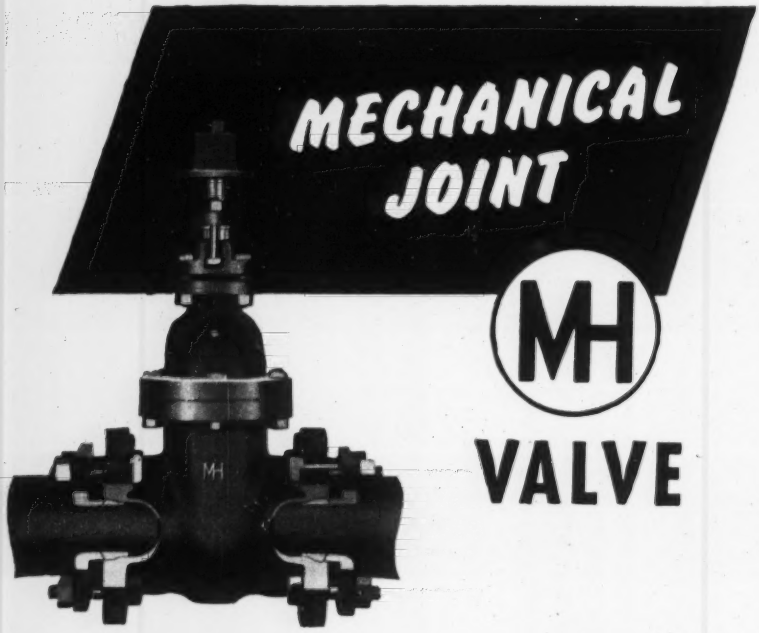

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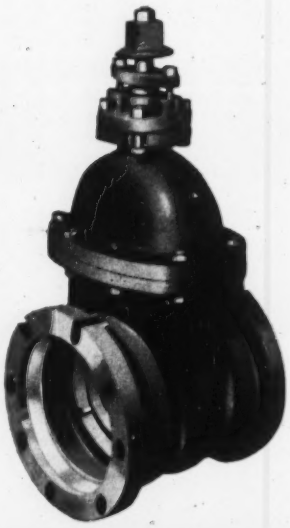

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▲ Ga., Savannah—PLANT—The Verney Corp., Manchester, N. H., rayon plant, $1,000,000.

Ill., Chicago—SHOP, etc.—Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co., B. R. Meyers, ch. engr., 400 W. Madison St., Zone 6, (a) 319x42 ft. diesel repair shop; (b) 1,330 ft. long servicing pit. $825,000.

Ill., Melrose Park—WAREHOUSE—Jewel Tea Co., Barrington, first unit warehouse, North Ave. and 19 St. $800,000.

▲ Kan., Wichita—WAREHOUSE—Kroger Co., 99 Wall St., New York, N. Y., 65,000 sq. ft. branch warehouse, $1,000,000.

Mich., Port Huron—PLANT, etc.—Mueller Brass Co., Port Huron, plans by Charles M. Valentine, 1320 Michigan Blvd., Marysville, brick, concrete plant and research laboratory, $350,000. CD 2/12.

▲ N. J., Mahwah—ASSEMBLY PLANT—Ford Motor Co., 3000 Schaefer Rd., Dearborn, Mich., car and truck assembly plant, near here. $30,000,000.

N. Y., New York—GARAGE—Henry Goelet, 292 Madison Ave., Zone 17, plans by Charles N. & Seliq Whinston, Grand Central Terminal Bldg., Zone 17, parking garage and stores, 1145-55 Avenue of Americas. $900,000.

▲ N. Y., Niagara Falls—PLANT—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 1144 E. Market St., Akron, O., chemical plant, incl. equip. $4,000,000.

▲ O., Cleveland—WAREHOUSE—White Motor Co., 842 E. 79 St., plans by J. Trevor Guy, 7715 Euclid Ave., warehouse at motor coach division, 1456 E. 185 St. $1,000,000.

▲ Tex., Seadrift—PLANT—Bakelite Co., Div. of Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., 30 E. 42 St., New York, N. Y. polyethylene plastic plant, its compounds and other chemicals from natural gas. $5,500,000.

▲ Tex., Texas City—PLASTIC PLANT—Bakelite Co., Div. of Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., 30 E. 42 St., New York, N. Y., polyethylene plastic plant, compounds and other chemicals from natural gas. $6,500,000.

▲ Ont., Kingston—PLANT—Imperial Chemical Industries of Canada, Ltd.; 1200 St. Alexander St., Montreal, Que., plant at Millhaven, $20,000,000. CD 4/7.

▲ Ont., Oshawa—ASSEMBLY PLANT—General Motors of Canada Ltd., Oshawa, new 42-acre auto assembly plant.

▲ Ont., Picton—TERMINAL WORKS—Bethlehem Mines Corps., Marmora, iron ore terminal works, docks, sheds, roads, storage pit and dredging, etc. $1,000,000.

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Fla., Miami—TELEVISION STATION—L. B. Wilson, Inc., Hotel Sheraton Gibson, Cincinnati, O., television station, $700,000. A. D. Ring & Assoc., Munsey Bldg., Wash., 4, D. C., consult. engrs.

N. J., Trenton—STADIUM—City War Memorial Comm., Municipal Bldg., plans by Louis S. Kaplan, 25 N. Montgomery St., Trenton, municipal stadium, $500,000 CD 2/27/50.

▲ Texas and New Mexico—GAS LINE—Permian Basin Pipe Line Co. (Northern Natural), Midland, Tex., 163 mi. 16- to 30-in. gas line from area of Midland, Tex., to area of Roswell, N. M. $3,200,000.

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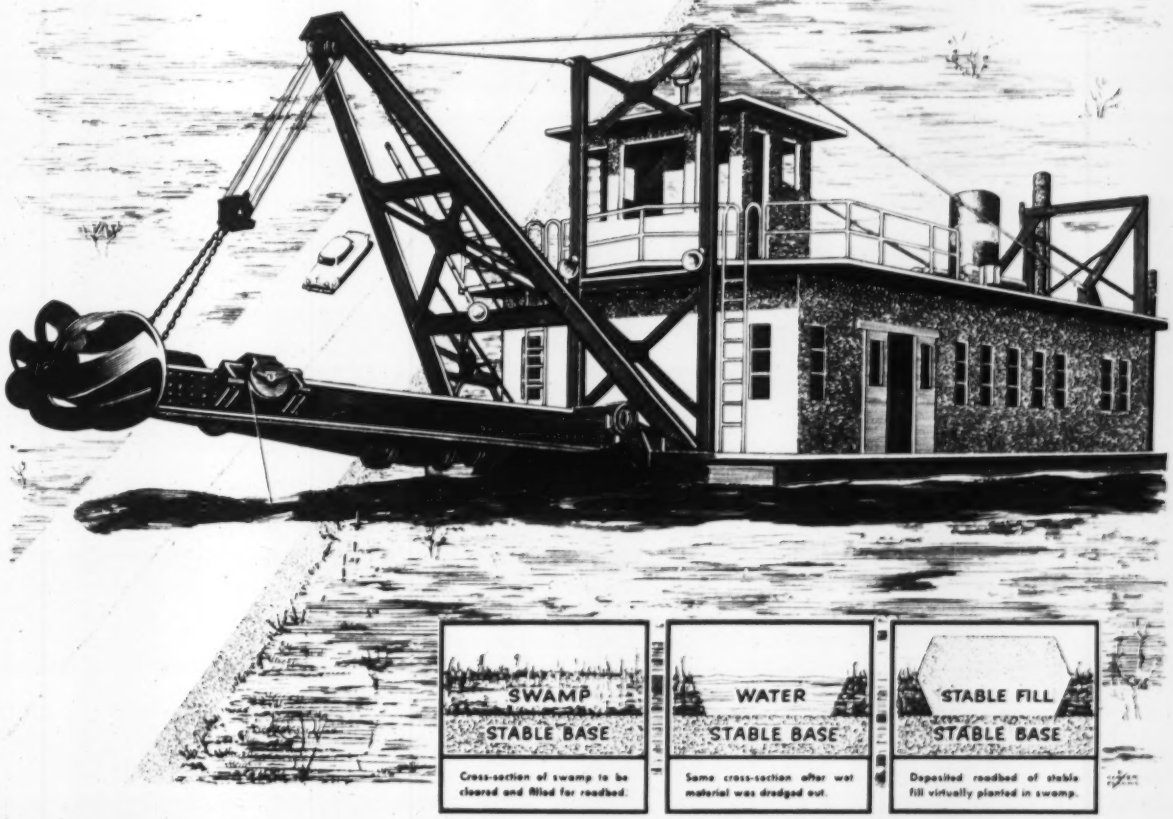
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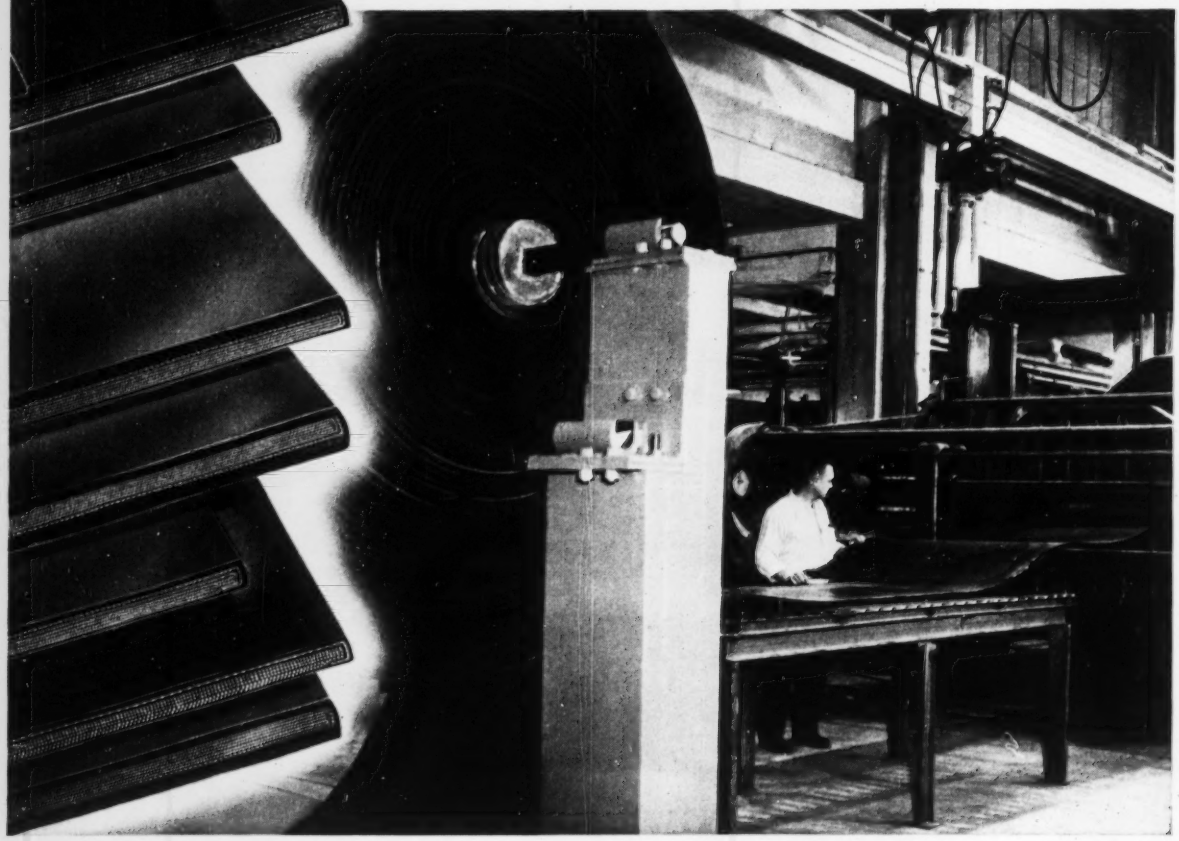

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▲ **MARYLAND**—State Rds. Comn., 108 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Zone 2,
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▲ **James J. Waters Corp.**, 415 Lexington Ave., New York, 17, N. Y., LB. $1,109,000, general constr.;
Davidson Electric Co., 1265 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, 16, N. Y., LB. $302,784, electrical work;
Forsythe Plumbing & Heating Corp., 234 W. 55 St., New York, 19, N. Y., LB. $384,430, heating and ventilating, for modernization and alterations to various buildings, Kings County HOSPITAL, BROOKLYN, N. Y. Dpt. P. Wks., Municipal Bldg., New York, 7, N. Y. Bids May 13. CD 4/20.

▲ **Philip Lipstein & Assoc.**, 16 Court St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y. Owner Builds. $4,000,000. 19 story, penthouse APARTMENT, Park Ave. and 65 St., NEW YORK, N. Y. Sylvan Bien, 565 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y., archt.

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▲ **Old-Oakes-At Syosset Homes**, c/o Samuel Paul, archt., 163-18 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. Owner Builds. $1,400,000. 70 HOUSES, Hillside Lane south, SYOSSET, N. Y.

▲ **F. H. McGraw & Co.**, 780 Windsor St., Hartford, Conn., CA. $1,600,000. FACTORY, Saw Mill River Rd., YONKERS, N. Y. Habirshaw Cable & Wire Corp., 40 Wall St., New York 5, N. Y. Louis F. Thorn, 35 S. Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y. archt. CD 2/26.

▲ **Uris Brothers**, 575 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. Owner Builds. $15,000,000. 20 story OFFICE, 15-16th Sts., Market St. to Penn Blvd. in "Penn Center", PHILA., PA. Emery Roth & Sons, 575 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. archts. CD 2/4, under Pennsylvania R. R. as owner.

▲ **Victor Beauchamp**, 6837 Fourth St. N. W., Wash., D. C. CA $2,178,000. Cherry Hill Junior-Senior High SCHOOL, Hyattsville, UPPER MARLBORO, MD. Prince Georges Co. Bd. Educ., Upper Marlboro, Md. CD 5/8, under LB

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June 12 Tennessee
STREETS AND ROADS
June 12 Tennessee

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Tuscaloosa**—SCHOOL—B.A. 6/9—City, City Hall, Negro Industrial High School. $1,500,000. Raymond Sizemore, 28 S. Hull St., Montgomery, archt. Extended date. CD 3/24.

▲ **Va., Princess Anne**—HIGH SCHOOL—B.A. 6/10—Princess Anne County School Bd., Princess Anne, 2 story, structural steel, masonry Princess Anne County High School, Thalia. $2,500,000. Plans deposit $150. Oliver & Smith, 409 Yarmouth St., Norfolk, archts. Fraioli-Blum-Yesselman, 1214 Granby St., Norfolk, engrs. CD 7/1.

SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Calera**—PLANT—American Brake Shoe Co., 230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., soon lets contract, plant, $1,000,000. CD 5/6.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† **U. S. Eng.**, 308 Customhouse, Wilmington, N. C. cancelled bids to have been opened June 9, Ammunition Loading Piers, 3 admin. bldgs., 6 access trestles, etc. for U. S. Army Ammunition Loading Terminal, Sunny Point. ENG-31-075-53-21. WILMINGTON, N. C. $23,000,000. CD 5/21.

▲ **LOUISIANA**—State Hy. Dpt., Highway Office Bldg., Baton Rouge,
T. L. James & Co., Inc., Ruston, La. CA $1,991,046. grading, concrete slab span bridges, c. conc. 11.92 mi. Sorrento-Gramercy Hy., State Rte. 1500, S.P. 7-06-07, and 7-05-07, Ascension and St. James Parishes. CD 4/22, under LB.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **D. I. Levine & A. S. Viola**, 2308 Airline Turnpike, Portsmouth, Va., Owner Builds. Approx. $1,226,000. 113 one story masonry RESIDENCES to be constructed in sections, PORTSMOUTH, VA.

▲ **Cecil's, Inc.**, Box 1895, Spartanburg, S. C., CA $1,170,000. Defense HOUSING, Proj. NC 3-D1 and NC-1-D2, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. Public Housing Admin., 900 Lombardy St., Richmond, Va. Bids Apr. 21. CD 4/28, under LB.

▲ **Etheridge & Vanneman**, 4411 Peachtree Rd. N. E., Atlanta, Ga., Owner Builds, $1,500,000, 150 RESIDENCES, ATLANTA, GA.

▲ **E. A. Barton**, 843 Barton Woods Rd. N. E., Atlanta, Ga., Owner Builds. $1,000,000, 50 RESIDENCES, ATLANTA, GA.

▲ **Bennett Realty Corp.**, 7 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. Owner Builds. $1,115,000, 130 RESIDENCES, ATLANTA, GA.

▲ **Ben M. Smith, Sr.**, 1974 De Kalb Ave. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. Owner Builds. $1,500,000, 135 RESIDENCES, ATLANTA, GA.

▲ **Fickling & Walker**, 240 Second St., Macon, Ga., Owner Builds, $2,500,000, 300 RESIDENCES, WARNER ROBINS, GA.

▲ **Robert T. Turchin, Inc.**, 1835 Purdy Ave., Miami Beach, Fla., LB, $1,824,000, HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLA. Di Lido Hotel, 1 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach, Fla. CD 4/20.

▲ **E. J. Pollock Corp.**, Hialeah, Fla., Owner Builds. $5,500,000, 1,000 Negro RESIDENCES, PERRINE, FLA.

▲ **Farnsworth & Chambers Co.**, P.O. Box 332, New Orleans, La. CA. $3,275,000. East Side and West Side High SCHOOLS, GRETNA, LA. Jefferson Parish School Bd., Gretna, La. Bids May 14. CD 3/23.

MIDDLE WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
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June 9 Wisconsin

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—OFFICE—B.A. 6/5—American Bar Assn., 1140 N. Dearborn St., 3 story, bsmnt. office, University of Chicago Campus, $2,000,000. Holabird, Root & Burgee, 180 N. Wabash St., Chicago, Zone 1, archts.

▲ **Ill., Mooseheart**—SCHOOL—B.A. 6/9—Loyal Order of Moose, Mooseheart, Junior and Senior High School. $1,000,000. L. Cosby Bernard, 7241 Forest Ave., Hammond, Ind., archt. CD 9/9/25, under Public Buildings.

▲ **O., Cincinnati**—HOUSING—B.A. 6/9—Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Auth., Armory Ave., 296 two story bsmntless frame structures, Beekman St., Proj. B. $2,960,000. Plans deposit $40. Bernard Pepinsky, Union Trust Bldg., archt. Edward Larson, 2nd Natl. Bank Bldg., engr. Bids Feb. 26 rejected. CD 3/3, under LB.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **OHIO**—Ohio Turnpike Comn., 139 East Gay St., Columbus,
Fort Pitt Bridge Works, 212 Wood St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa., CA $1,330,002, Contr. M-1 and 3. 9,402,000 lb. structural steel and 483,000 lb. other types.

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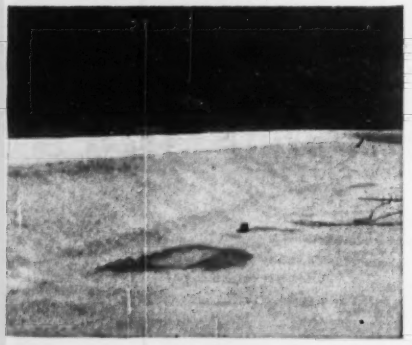

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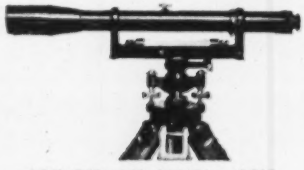

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▲OHIO—Ohio Turnpike Comn., 139 E. Gay St., Columbus, rejected bids Mar. 18, 5.3 mi. between South Range Rd. and Western Reserve Rd., C-2, Mahoning Co., LB $5,270,991. Combined C-2 and C-3, Mahoning Co., LB $11,143,623; 4.7 mi. between Western Reserve Rd. and point 3,400 ft. west of Racoon Rd. C-3, Mahoning Co. LB $5,288,942; 4 mi. between Lintz Townline Rd. and Warren Rd., C-7, Trumbull Co., LB $4,542,611; 2.9 mi. between County Line Rd. and Lintz Townline Rd., C-6, Trumbull Co., LB $1,629,442. CD 3/24 under LB.

▲ Ohio Pipeline Constr. Co., Granville, O., CA $1,276,290, 26 mi. 20 in. pipe line from Crawford Station, Fairfield Co. to near Mt. Sterling, Madison Co.

Shamrock Constr. Co., Lansing, Mich., CA $1,031,000, 22 mi. 20 in. pipe line between Centerville Measuring Station, Montgomery Co. and Howell Junction, Greene Co., OHIO. Ohio Fuel Gas Co., 99 N. Front St., Columbus, O.

▲ Wolf Constr. Co., 613 W. Market St., Logansport, Ind., CA $1,045,663, pumping plant equipment and tank foundations;

John Dehner, Inc., 1206 Clark St., Fort Wayne, Ind., CA, $332,216, water mains;

Pittsburgh-Des Moines Co., Neville Island, Pittsburgh, Pa., CA, $241,170, tanks, LOGANSPORT, IND. Bd. P. Wks., City Hall, Logansport, Ind. Grand total $1,619,049. Bids Apr. 8, awarded May 7. CD 2/18.

▲ MICHIGAN—State Hy. Dpt., C. M. Ziegler, comr., 222 Townsend St., Lansing, Zone 13.

Julius Porath & Son Co., 702 Transportation Bldg., Detroit, Mich. and Sudgen & Sivier, Inc., 2323 E. 8 Mile Rd., Detroit, Mich. CA $1,541,145, est. $1,700,000. grading, two 35 ft. c. conc. 1.063 mi. on John C. Lodge Expressway Grand River to Lafayette, BUI 82-127 C77 (BUI 404 49), Wayne Co. CD 5/13, under LB.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† George A. Fuller Co., 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., CA. $4,707,992, site preparation, incl. site excavation and grading, bearing, sheet piling for building and equip. foundations, concrete floor slabs, roads, yards, sidewalks, water, sewer lines, plant railroads, fence and guard rails for FACTORY for the Air Force, CLEVELAND, O. Aluminum Co. of America, Alcoa Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. McGeorge-Hargett & Assoc., 7016 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O., archts.-engrs. Bids May 11. CD 5/13, under LB.

▲ A. J. Glaser Co., Inc., 401 S. Lincoln St., P. O. Box 649, Muncie, Ind., CA Approx. $4,000,000, mfg. PLANT, CONNERSVILLE, IND. Rex Manufacturing Co., Div. Philco Corp., Connersville, Ind. Bids May 15. CD 5/6.

▲ Friedman & Girlstein, 120 E. Market St., Indianapolis, Ind. Owner Builds. $1,800,000. 65 HOMES in Pennwood Addn., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

▲ Burk Knight Co., 705 E. 61 St., Indianapolis, Ind. Owner Builds, $360,000, 30 HOMES in College Crest; $1,500,000, 100 HOMES, Spring Mill Road Addn., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Slezak Constr. Co., 5901 N. Leonard St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $900,000, FACTORY, WEST CHICAGO, IND. Moulded Products Corp. Div. of Admiral Corp., Creamery and Washington Sts., West Chicago, Ill. Awarded May 13. CD 4/20.

▲ E. H. Marhoefer Co., 505 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, 10, Ill., LB, $2,249,249, suburban Cook County Tuberculosis SANITARIUM, CHICAGO, ILL. Cook County TB Sanitarium District, 7401 W. Madison St. Forest Park, Ill. Bids Apr. 21. CD 3/24.

▲ Raymond L. Lutgert Constr. Co., 4619 W. 79 Pl., Chicago, Ill., Owner Builds $3,000,000. SHOPPING CENTER, Cicero and 79 Sts., 20-acres, near CHICAGO, ILL. Sidney H. Morris, 134 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, 2, Ill., archt. Awarded May 13.

▲ L. & R. Constr. Co., 6609 Latta Pl., St. Louis, Mo. LB, $1,283,690, Decatur-Macon HOSPITAL addn., DECATUR, ILL. Macon County Hospital Assn., Decatur, Ill. Beling Engr. Co., 307 16 St., Moline, Ill., engr. CD 5/13.

▲ Maxon Constr. Co., 114 Liberty St., Barrington, Ill. Owner Builds. $1,000,000. 75 RESIDENCES, PALATINE, ILL. Awarded May 12.

▲ Commonwealth Electric Co., 417 Broadway St. Paul, Minn., CA, $1,069,900, two 3,000 kw turbine GENERATOR UNITS, for central heating and power plant, WAUWATOSA, WIS. Milwaukee County Institutions & Dpts., Wauwatosa, Wis. Bids Apr. 9, CD 4/20, under LB.

▲ Housing Corp. of America, subsidiary of Warner-Kanter Companies, 1951 Chaucer St., Cincinnati, O. Owner Builds. $25,000,000. Gratiot Redevelopment Proj., incl. 1,750 DWELLING UNITS, skyscraper and terraces, SHOPPING CENTER, Larned, Gratiot and Hastings Sts., and Grand Trunk R. R., DETROIT, MICH. CD 5/12.

WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS

BRIDGES

June 4 Kansas

STREETS AND ROADS

June 4 Kansas June 5 North Dakota

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Kan., Fort Scott**—HOSPITAL—B.A. 6/16—Mercy Hospital, Fort Scott, hospital, $2,000,000. Schmidt-McVay & Peddi, 1832 E. 2 St., Wichita, archts. CD 8/27.

▲ **Tex., Port Arthur**—PLANT, etc.—Bids Asked—Gulf Oil Corp., Port Arthur, ethylene plant, $12,750,000; product warehousing storage, $200,000; water sys., $45,000. CD 5/5.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† **E. H. Conrad**, 150 Simpson St., San Antonio, Tex., CA $1,394,052, high thrust jet engine test bldg., Tinker Air Force Base, Inv. No. (IFB)-34-601-53-344, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., U. S. Govt., c/o Direc. of Procurement & Production, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla. Bids Apr. 21. CD 4/29, under LB.

▲† **Continental Utilities Constr. Co.**, 213 W. 13 St., Fort Worth, Tex., CA $1,238,980, constr. Facilities "E", Amarillo Air Force Base, Inv. No. 34-066-53-101, AMARILLO, TEX. U. S. Eng., Box 61, Tulsa 2, Okla. Bids Apr. 9. CD 4/17, under LB.

▲† **J. W. Bateson Co.**, Irwin-Keasler Bldg., Dallas, Tex., CA $2,921,181, hangar maintenance, Walker Air Force Base, Inv. No. Eng-29-005-53-113, ROSWELL, N. M. U. S. Eng., Box 1538, Albuquerque, N. M. Bids May 7. CD 5/18, under LB.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Dennehey Constr. Co.**, Braniff Bldg., Oklahoma City 2, Okla., CA, $1,147,616, est. $1,250,000. HOSPITAL, ARDMORE, OKLA. Southern Oklahoma Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla. Awarded May 8. CD 5/6, under LB.

R. P. Farnsworth & Co., 440 N. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, La., CA $900,000. 5 story OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEX. Lowich Investments, Inc., 1200 S. Ervay St., Dallas, Tex. CD 4/29.

J. B. Ragland, Ervay and Young Sts., Dallas, Tex., Own Forces. $865,000. MERCHANDISING MART, DALLAS, TEX. CD 5/15.

▲ **Goliad Corp.**, Goliad, Tex., cancelled bids propane gas PLANT unit, $1,000,000; iso-butane gas plant unit, $875,000; some general storage for gas products facilities, $200,000; general repair shop, $85,000, GOLIAD, TEX. Will re-advertise. CD 2/4.

▲ **Thad Dederick Constr. Co.**, 1532 Belden St., Houston, Tex., CA. $1,050,000. 10 story parking GARAGE, STORAGE, HOUSTON, TEX. South Texas National Bank, 213 Main St. Houston, Tex. Bids May 8. CD 4/27.

▲ **Manhattan Constr. Co.**, 2828 Pease St., Houston, Tex. CA. $9,569,000, 21 story BANK and OFFICE, HOUSTON, TEX. South Texas National Bank, 213 Main St., Houston, Tex. Bids May 8. CD 4/27.

▲ **Grove Controls, Inc.**, Longview, Tex., Purchases, Day Labor. $1,750,000. PLANT to mfg. equip. controls, valves, etc.; $250,000, WAREHOUSING; **John Petty**, Rte. 3, Longview, Tex., CA. $39,850, addnl. area earthwork and foundation dirt removal on 400 acre site, southside T. & P. Ry. LUNGVIEW, TEX. Grand total $2,039,850. CD 1/5.

▲ **Walsh & Burney Co.**, 928 N. Flores St., San Antonio, Tex., CA. $2,138,205, 5 story 120 room HOSPITAL addn., SAN ANTONIO, TEX. Santa Rosa Hospital, Houston and Santa Rosa Sts., San Antonio, Tex. Bids Apr. 15. CD 4/21, under LB.

▲ **Mead & Mount Constr. Co.**, 240 Railway Exchange Bldg., Denver, Colo., LB $944,000, general contract 2 and 3 story, brick stone DORMITORY, BOULDER, COLO. University of Colorado, Campus, Boulder, Colo. Bids May 5. CD 4/14.

FAR WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
June 9 Idaho

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Wash., Seattle**—APARTMENT—B.A. 7/15—Merry Investment Co., Lloyd Bldg., Zone 1, 15 story, steel, rein.-masonry apartment, $1,050,000. E. W. Morrison & Assocs., 719 2 Ave. Bldg., Zone 4, archts. CD 9/6/51.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

† **Parker Schram Co.**, Builders Exchange Bldg., Portland, Ore., LB $874,514, McNary-Maupin 300-kv line No. 1, Inv. 6991, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco Counties, OREGON. Bonneville Power Admin., 827 N.E. Oregon St., Portland, Ore. Bids May 14. CD 5/1.

▲† **Winston Bros. Co.**, Northwest Bank Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., **McLaughlin, Inc.**, Ford Bldg., Great Falls, Mont., **F & S Contg. Co.**, 1300 Chicago St., Butte, Mont., **Johnson, Drake & Piper Co., Inc.**, Baker Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., **Donovan Constr. Co.**, 1725 Carroll Ave., St. Paul, Minn., **C. F. Lytle Co.**, 250 Insurance Exchange Bldg., Sioux City, Ia., **S. Birch & Sons Constr. Co.**, Ford Bldg., Great Falls, Mont., **Foley Bros., Inc.**, 900 New York Bldg., St. Paul, Minn., and **Fegles Constr. Co., Ltd.**, Wesley Temple Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., LB $29,820,997, est. $36,677,521, Phase No. 1,

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power house, The Dalles Dam, Wasco Co., CIVENG-35-026-53-123, OREGON U. S Eng., Pittock Block, Portland, Ore. Bids May 19. CD 4/22.

▲† United Concrete Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, Calif., CA, $2,588,203. Earthwork, structures etc. Unit 2, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, Central Valley Proj., Spec. DC 3889, CALIFORNIA. Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Lindsay, Calif. Bids May 17. CD 3/24, under LB.

▲ CALIFORNIA—State Div. Hys., P. Wks. Bldg., Sacramento,

Chas L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, Calif., LB, $2,165,364, grading, paving 7 bridges 2 pedestrian overcrossings 2 pedestrian undercrossings, 1.7 mi. Bayshore Freeway between Hester Ave. and Alemany Blvd., San Francisco Co.;

Clements & Co., 775 Jackson St., Hayward, Calif., LB, $135,915, surf. 4 mi. between Adin and Rush Creek Modoc Co.;

Mercer Fraser Co. & Mercer Fraser Gas Co., 2 and Commercial Sts., Eureka, Calif., LB, $139,914 surf. 9.9 mi. near Alton and Bridgeville, Humboldt Co.;

Wonderly Constr. Co., 2694 Lime Ave., Long Beach, Calif., LB, $76,038, grading, surf. 2.1 mi. between Silver Lake and Rush Creek Weir, Mono Co.;

M. W. Brown & R. E. Hertel, Box 222, Redding, Calif. LB, $391,628, grading, surf. 2.3 mi. between Weaverville and Douglas City, Trinity Co. Bids May 13. CD 4/23.

▲ Zoss Constr. Co., P.O. Box 1167, Hollywood, Calif., LB. $2,290,765, maintenance hangar, paving, utilities Travis Air FORCE BASE, CALIF. U. S. Eng., Wright Bldg., Sacramento, Calif. Bids May 7. CD 4/16.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ Strand & Sons, 3941 University Way, Seattle, 5, Wash., LB. $1,273,855, 5 story, 44x184 ft. and 4 story, 50x82 ft., rein.-con. HOSPITAL, SEATTLE, WASH. Ballard General Hospital, 2208 Market St., Seattle, Wash. Bids May 14. CD 4/23.

▲ Ross B. Hammond Co., 1241 N. Williams St., Portland, Ore., LB $1,874,699, 7 story, concrete retirement Home, four 6-story wings, MILWAUKIE, ORE. Willamette View Manor Assn., Milwaukie, Ore. Bids Apr. 28. CD 4/14.

▲ Phoenix Constr. Co., 642 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., CA. $1,208,000, 151 stucco DWELLINGS, Tarrant, Hoskins and Visalia Sts., COMPTON, CALIF. Western Projects Corp., 3842 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

CANADA

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ Bennett & White Constr. Co. Ltd., 660 Howe St., Vancouver, B. C., CA, $1,700,000, 101 DWELLINGS for employees in 10 cities and towns along 718-mile pipeline route in BRITISH COLUMBIA and ALBERTA, Transmountain Oil Pipe Line Co., 425 Howe St., Vancouver, B. C. Awarded May 14.

▲ General Construction Co. Ltd., Granville Island, Vancouver, B. C., CA, $2,002,400, rein.-con. concrete block MAGAZINE BLDGS., services structures, associated services, Rocky Point, ESQUIMALT, B. C. Defence Constr. (1951) Ltd. 360 Homer St., Vancouver, B. C. Bids Apr. 14, awarded May 13. CD 3/16.

D. Robinson Constr. Ltd., 90 Cavan St., Nanaimo, B. C., LB, $948,478, rein.-con. frame, SCHOOL for Boys Brannan Lake, NANAIMO, B. C. British Columbia Govt., Parliament Bldgs., Victoria, B. C. Bids May 14. CD 4/29.

▲ Model Homes Ltd., 7 Smithfield St., West Kildonan, Man., Owner Builds, $2,500,000, 400 HOMES, various streets, TRANSCONA, MAN.

▲ Kenney Constr. Co. Ltd., 396 Main St., Yarmouth, N. S., CA, $2,225,000, MENTAL HOSPITAL in northern Cape Breton, SYDNEY RIVER, N. S. Cape Breton County Hospital Bd., Court House, Sydney, N. S. CD 2/3.

▲ The Austin Co. Ltd., Royal Bank Bldg., Toronto, Ont., CA $1,000,000, design and construct. 1 story 50,000 sq. ft., steel frame, masonry FACTORY, GODERICH, ONT. W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. of Canada Ltd., Malton, Ont. Awarded May 13.

▲ The H. K. Ferguson Co., 1783 East 11 St., Cleveland, O. U. S. A. CA $20,000,000, design and construct PLANT, at Millhaven, KINGSTON, ONT. Imperial Chemical Industries of Canada Ltd., 1200 St. Alexander St., Montreal, Que. CD 5/15.

▲ Louis Donolo, Inc., 8320 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, Que. CA, $1,300,000, 1 story 172x300 ft. and 50x75 ft. steel, brick PLANT addn. on highway near C. P. R. tracks STE. THERESE, QUE. Blackwood Morton & Sons (Canada) Ltd., St. Therese, Que. T. W. Burge, 7357 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que., archt.

ALASKA

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲† Alaska, Palmer—SCHOOL—B.A. 6/17—Alaska P. Wks., Dpt. Interior, Juneau, 38,000 sq. ft. school. $1,000,000. Extended date. Johnson & Botesch, 1st. Natl. Bank Bldg., Everett, Wash., archts. CD 5/20.

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ENR survey shows rate boost has done little for builders

As many observers predicted (ENR May 7, p. 21), the boost in interest rates on VA and FHA mortgages has not caused a lenders' stampede. Even at 4½%, government-guaranteed mortgages bring in a lower return than many conventional mortgage loans. They also have to compete with rising rates on government, municipal, and corporate bonds. During the weeks while Washington was debating the pros and cons of the rate boost, interest rates hardened to such an extent that when the boost finally came, it was a fizzle as far as any immediate effect on starts was concerned.

Those are the major conclusions of a survey ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD made in a number of key U. S. cities last week. Builders in most places said that so far they had noticed no change, or a very slight easing, of the market for government-guaranteed mortgages. Many of them pointed out that lenders could get 5% or more on conventional mortgages, and therefore weren't anxious to lend at 4½%.

All this indicates that the Veterans Administration may find that its new rules on discounting of mortgages (page 86) may send some lenders elsewhere, as long as they can get better yields on other investments.

However, assuming that interest rates on other forms of investment don't continue to go higher, in the long run this rate boost certainly will make more mortgage money available to finance home building.

As of this week, it looked as if interest rates were leveling off. The Federal Reserve Board has moved to make money a little easier by buying government securities in the open market, for the first time in quite a while. FRB spokesmen have also intimated that it won't allow money to get any tighter, at least for now.

Here's a rundown of the report from different cities from west to east:

• **San Francisco**—Builders haven't noticed any loosening up on VA and FHA mortgages, and they emphasize that previously there had been very little building under FHA.

• **Seattle**—Here the situation is a bit different. One builder reports that finally he has been able to obtain financing for 40 to 50 duplex housing units. Others report no change in the market. And one builder says that lenders are requiring a 5% discount on the new government-guaranteed mortgages, in spite of the higher rate.

• **St. Louis**—The market is slow here, perhaps because of recent bad weather. Some builders report a slight easing on government-guaranteed mortgages.

• **Chicago**—There hasn't been much change in the mortgage market here. Lenders still require a slight discount, ranging from 1% to 2%, on VA mortgages. One loan company reports that it has just increased the rate on conventional mortgages from 5% to 5½%.

• **Detroit**—The local building situation here is clouded by strikes, so that it is hard to tell just how the rate boost is going to affect home financing.

• **Kansas City**—Here FHA mortgages are still selling at a 1% discount. Builders say there is no market here in VA mortgages; too much red tape is involved. Lenders are being very selective about to whom they lend and are asking 20% down. Insurance companies have been asking 3% discounts when they buy VAs plus the 1% closing fee. However, an officer of a local savings and loan association says that VA mortgages are now easier to get.

• **Atlanta**—There are a lot more applications for VA mortgages here, and the market is slightly easier. Lenders require a discount of 1½% of the face value of mortgages on existing construction; and 2½% on new construction.

• **Philadelphia**—Builders say that the rate boost means that during the next six months about 2,500 more homes will be started in the Philadelphia area during the next six months than would have been the case otherwise.

Mackinac Bridge financing ball passed to Wall Street

Now that the Michigan legislature has provided for the operating and maintenance costs of the proposed bridge across the Straits of Mackinac, it looks as if Wall Street underwriters will come up with a bid on the $96-million bond issue within two or three weeks.

That's the opinion of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., investment banking house which is scheduled to head a nation-wide syndicate to bid on the bond issue. A few weeks ago, underwriters turned the proposal down (ENR Apr. 16, p. 21) because of the fact that the ferry line now operating across the straits has been losing money, and because they wanted the state to provide assistance to the bridge.

The bill, which is expected to be signed by Gov. G. Mennen Williams shortly, will provide up to $417,000 annually to meet operating and maintenance costs.

Van Ingen also points out that ferry revenues for the first four months of this year were 20% above the same 1952 period, and in May have been running 30% higher than May, 1952.

Guaranteed material offered for first time

For what seems to be the first time in the history of the construction industry, a basic building material of impartially certified quality is coming on the market.

In June the Perlite Institute, association of perlite producers, will start providing the construction industry with a guaranteed plaster aggregate. The program sets up a "certification seal" to identify plaster aggregate that is guaranteed by the manufacturer to conform to ASTM Specification C 35-52 T.

Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory will check perlite at producers' plants frequently but unexpectedly.

"Contractors can now specify any brand of perlite that displays the new seal and have positive assurance that the material they use will meet the ASTM specification in all respects," says Lewis Lloyd, institute president. More than 30 producers in all parts of the U. S. have joined the plan.

However, manufacturers will continue to stress their own sales points. The ASTM specification is broad enough so that they can make the gradation of aggregate preferred by plasterers in local areas, and still conform. In this way, says the institute, "Architects and engineers can specify a locally produced plaster aggregate of national certified quality, backed by a guarantee." Those who do not wish to specify a single brand of aggregate need merely specify that "aggregate shall be supplied in containers displaying the Perlite Institute Seal."

The certification idea is not unknown in the construction industry. For instance, the Aluminum Window Manufacturers Assn. has a somewhat similar guarantee plan.

VA restricts discounts on new 4½% mortgages

Now that the interest rate on VA mortgages has been boosted from 4% to 4½%, the Veterans Administration says it will "sharply restrict" discounting of VA mortgages sold by builders to lenders.

Under this arrangement, a builder who had made a 4% VA mortgage loan to a buyer in order to sell a house might resell the mortgage to a permanent lender at a discount sufficiently large to make the actual interest yield from the mortgage comparable with that of conventional mortgages. On account of the rising trend of interest rates in the last couple of years, builders often had to resort to this practice in order to get VA mortgages for buyers.

In one way or another, the builder usually passed this charge on to the buyer, for example, either through a higher price for the house, or by cheaper construction, or by requiring a straight bonus.

Now, however, VA believes that the 4½% rate makes this unnecessary. From now on, VA regional offices will require all builders to certify that they "have not or will not pay or absorb, directly or indirectly, any charges or fees in excess or in addition to those authorized by VA."

On construction loans to builders, VA does not allow lenders to charge more than 5% annually on construction money actually paid out. And as an inspection and supervision charge, lenders may not ask more than 2½% of the actual construction loan.

Proposed work piles up in record ENR backlog

Although projects in ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD's backlog are moving out into the contract stage at a record rate, ENR's backlog continues to grow. As of May 1, it's at a record high of $71.2 billion.

The tremendous dollar volume of proposed projects reported is more than offsetting volume of projects advancing into contracts, plus the volume of "dead" projects removed from the backlog.

During the first four months of this year, a total of $6.5 billion of proposed heavy construction projects has been reported to ENR—58% more than the volume during the similar period last year. During the first four months, $2.7 billion worth of proposed projects have moved into contract status—a record volume. In the same period, projects totaling $1.3 billion have been definitely abandoned and thus removed from the backlog. So the net gain in the backlog, in round numbers, is $2.5 billion.

The $2.7 billion of projects that have moved into contracts are worth studying. This is 30% more than the volume moving into contracts during the same period last year. Part of the reason for the gain is that back in 1952 much proposed work was held up by controls. But it's interesting to see that a substantial amount of the work now moving into contract was proposed after controls were eased. This indicates that the large volume of work now coming out of the backlog is not just a cleanup of jobs which previously had been held up, but is also partly caused by a continuing strong market for new construction.

The figures on abandoned projects are also worth looking at. There's quite a gain in dollar volume—24%—over the same period in 1952. But the

CONSTRUCTION TRENDS

Stop any builder or banker on the street and ask him what he thinks is the most perplexing question in the field of residential construction—he's certain to say it's the future demand for homes.

It's not so much that the market is slack now. But there are warning signals. New homes did move more slowly last year, and prices of older homes did sag a bit. Also, everybody knows that low-income families are becoming more important in the housing market. These families don't have much equity in their homes. And if their income should be reduced—as a result of layoffs or less overtime—they would be in trouble. So, it all adds up to the $64 question—Is the housing market about to turn down?

Many people figure that housing demand depends in large part on the rate of new family formation. Right after the war, new families created by marriages were just below the 1,000,000-a-year mark. Wartime marriage deferrals, prosperity and the large numbers of people aged 20-34 accounted for this high rate.

But the future outlook is not nearly so bright. It's primarily because the small crop of babies of the depression years has now reached marriageable age. Best guess right now is that the net increase in married couples will average about 400,000 a year through 1955. And there's not much of a backlog of married couples sharing living quarters with family or friends—consequently not much undoubling is expected in the years immediately ahead.

The addition to the number of households as a result of new family groups not headed by a married couple (divorce or the death of a husband or wife is responsible for creating most of these groups) as well as the increase in the number of unmarried persons maintaining separate residences will average about 265,000 a year for the next few years. When all the totals are in, the number of new households anticipated during the next few years is less than 700,000 a year compared with average yearly figures of 1,100,000 from 1949-1952 and 1,500,000 from the period 1947-1949.

But all this doesn't mean that the housing boom is about to collapse. There's no hard and fast rule that new families and new construction go hand in hand. Look at the past figures and you'll see that oftentimes family formation leads, at other times it lags behind housing starts.

There are several factors which support a sanguine view of the housing outlook. A 1950 report by the Bureau of the Census reports that nearly 2,500,000 urban dwelling units were "dilapidated." An additional 7,000,000 units lacked either running water or a bathroom. In addition, the high birth rate of recent years—3,700,000 per year against 2,900,000 during the boom 1920s—means that there are more large families. Consequently, there is an unprecedented demand for more spacious quarters. The three-bedroom house is becoming commonplace.

In other words, housing starts could stay at their present rate of 1,000,000 a year for some time to come, in spite of the decline in new family formation. Whether this will happen depends on whether the present high level of business activity keeps going, whether the rate of savings continues at or near its present high level, and whether government policy continues to encourage the mortgage market.

ratio of abandoned projects to new proposed projects is only 19% during the first four months, compared with 25% during the same period last year. And it's still only 1.8% of the total backlog as of the start of this year.

As ENR's backlog matures—it is 10 years old now—it gets larger. And as it gets larger, a larger dollar volume of abandoned work can be expected. But the percentage of such projects to the total backlog should stay pretty constant. This is what has happened. During the first four months of the years 1951, 1952, and 1953, the ratio of "dead" projects to the total backlog at the start of the year has ranged from 1.7% to 1.9%.

Delaware bridge costly but money is around

Even in a tight money market, it's not hard to borrow $100 million for construction—if you're willing to pay the price. The Delaware River Port Authority will have to pay about 3.44% interest on the $100-million revenue bond issue it sold this week to build a second bridge across the Delaware between Philadelphia and New Jersey.

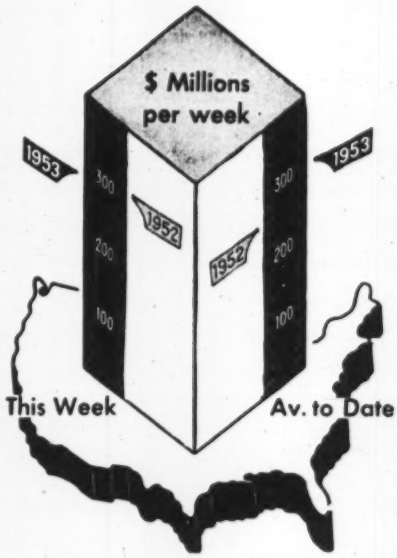
That's in spite of the fact that: (1) interest on these bonds is exempt from income tax, and (2) financial analysts say that current net operating revenue from the authority's existing bridge alone is enough to pay debt service on the new issue, even if nobody ever uses the new toll bridge.

• **Fair bid**—In explaining the high interest rate, Edward C. McAuliffe, chairman of the authority, said last week that the bid for the issue offered by a nation-wide group of 303 investment banking houses was a fair one. He said DRPA had "exhausted every avenue" for getting the best possible rate.

Actually, DRPA won't use all of the money for construction. Building the new bridge and its approaches will cost about $90 million, including $10 million for engineering, administration, and property and right-of-way costs. It's expected that the job will be finished by 1957. The other $10 million borrowed last week will be used to refund existing debt.

Activity This Week

As reported to ENR
(in millions of dollars)



Amount of contracts let

	This Week	Cumulative 22 wks 1953	1952	% chge
Federal	$40.2	$642.1	$868.4	−26
State and Municipal	97.3	2,102.3	1,763.7	+19
Total pub.	137.5	2,744.4	2,632.1	+4
Total priv.	153.8	3,909.2	3,010.0	+30
U. S. Total	$291.3	$6,653.6	$5,642.1	+18

Contracts by type of work

Waterworks	$5.5	$104.8	$100.5	+4
Sewerage	16.6	172.2	98.4	+75
Bridges	8.2	319.1	153.0	+109
Highways	36.2	682.0	594.0	+15
Earthwork, Waterways	7.5	145.1	239.9	−40
Buildings:				
Public, excl. hsg.	49.5	713.5	732.9	−2
Housg., pub.	3.0	247.4	416.1	−41
Housg., priv.	69.6	1,743.9	1,250.4	+39
Commercial	49.6	477.2	260.4	+83
Industrial	24.3	1,355.5	1,256.2	+8
Unclassified	21.3	692.9	540.3	+28
Total	$291.3	$6,653.6	$5,642.1	+18

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterway projects, $34,600; other public works, $60,000; industrial buildings, $82,000; other buildings, $300,000.

ENR indexes		Base Years = 100 1953	1913	1926	1949
Constr. cost	May	589.21	283.23	123.52
	Apr.	589.71	283.47	123.62
Bldg. cost	May	426.63	230.54	121.23
	Apr.	426.65	230.62	121.27
Volume	Apr.	523*	213*	151*

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Bids: June 9, 1953

Route S-49 (1927)—Route 47 (1953), Sections 7 & 6A

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commissioner for:

Route S-49 (1927)—Route 47 (1953), Sections 7 and 6A, from Sixth Street, Rio Grande, to Grassy Sound Bridge Approach; Divided Highway-Paving, in Middle and Lower Townships, Cape May County. Length 2.279 miles. The principal items of construction are

Estimated:

126,174 cu. yds. Roadway Excavation-Earth
21,175 sq. yds. 2" Penetration Gravel Shoulders
76,769 sq. yds. 6" Gravel Base
53,062 sq. yds. 5" Macadam Intermediate Course
51,445 sq. yds. 3" Bituminous Concrete Surface
948 lin. ft. Rein. Conc. Culvert Pipe
2,202 lin. ft. Corrugated Metal Culvert Pipe
54 Inlets
4,463 lin. ft. White Concrete Vertical Curb
4,654 lin. ft. White Concrete Sloping Curb

Bids for the above will be received at the office of the State Highway Department, Assembly Room, Room 140, in the State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 9, 1953, at ten o'clock (10:00 A.M.—EASTERN STANDARD TIME), eleven o'clock (11:00 A.M.—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME), and will be opened and read immediately thereafter.

The receipt and opening of bids is subject to the proper qualification of the bidder in accordance with the provisions of the prequalification law and the regulations adopted by the State Highway Commissioner. Bidders must also submit a revised financial statement and statement of plant and equipment with their bid.

Drawings, specifications and form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work are on file in the office of the State Highway Department, Trenton, N. J., and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours. Plans will be furnished on a deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each set of plans upon application to A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk, State Highway Department, Room 139, State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, N. J. Bids must be made upon the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the standard State Highway specifications and must be enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and work bid upon on the outside, and must be accompanied by a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, provided that the said certified check shall not be less than $500.00 nor more than $20,000.00 and must be delivered at the above place on or before the hour named. Copies of the standard proposal forms and special addressed envelopes will be furnished on application. Bids not enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Signed: R. J. Abbott
State Highway Commissioner

Bids: June 9, 1953

Rt. 39 (1927)—Rt. U. S. 206 (1953), Sec. 9-A Cedar Branch Bridge and Approaches

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commissioner for:

Route 39 (1927)—Route U.S. 206 (1953), Cedar Branch Bridge and Approaches, in the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County. Length 0.027 miles. The principal items of construction are

Roadway Items

Estimated:

257 cu. yds. Roadway Excavation
780 cu. yds. Channel Excavation
953 sq. yds. Gravel Shoulder
154 sq. yds. 13" Rein. Conc. Pavement Surface
111 sq. yds. 18" Rein. Bridge Approach Slabs

Bridge Items

218 cu. yds. Concrete in Structures
8,750 lbs. Reinforcement Steel in Structures

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State Highway Commissioner

Bids: June 11, 1953

Required Grading & Drainage

Sealed proposals will be received by the West Virginia Turnpike Commission for:

CONTRACT NO. 18

The work to be done under this contract consists in performing the required grading and drainage for approximately 4.11 miles of the West Virginia Turnpike including the relocation of approximately 0.85 miles of side roads plus the construction of the substructures for bridges known as Structures Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 4A. This work is located between a point near Princeton, at mile 0.0, and the vicinity of Gardner about mile 4.8, Mercer County, West Virginia, and is in connection with the construction of the West Virginia Turnpike in the State of West Virginia.

The principal items of work include:

	Approximate Quantity
Clearing and Grubbing	25 acres
Excavation (all types) Including Borrow	950,000 c. y.
Concrete	1,150 c. y.
Reinforcing Steel	78,500 lbs.
Culvert Pipes and Underdrains	6,100 lin. ft.
Steel Piles	900 lin. ft.

Proposals will be received at the office of the West Virginia Turnpike Commission, 1340 Wilson Street, Charleston 5, West Virginia until 9:00 A. M., Eastern Standard Time, and thereafter at the House of Delegates Chamber, State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia until 10:00 A. M. Eastern Standard Time, on June 11, 1953, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

WEST VIRGINIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION
D. H. Morton
Chairman

May 14, 1953

Bids: June 11, 1953

Lateral Sewer Extension

SOUTH FALLSBURGH SEWER DISTRICT
TOWN OF FALLSBURGH, N. Y.

1. Sealed proposals for the installation of lateral sewers and accessories in the South Fallsburgh Sewer District, Town of Fallsburgh, N. Y. will be received by the Town Board at the Town Clerk's Office, South Fallsburgh, until 3:00 o'clock, P. M., June 11, 1953, and there publicly opened and read immediately thereafter.

2. The work will consist of providing all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals required for the construction of approximately 8200 feet of 8-inch and 10-inch diameter clay pipe sewers, including manholes and house connections.

3. Plans, specifications, bidding and contract documents may be examined at the office of the Consulting Engineers, Alexander Potter Associates, 50 Church Street, New York 7, N. Y. and there obtained upon a Deposit of FIFTEEN ($15.00) DOLLARS PER SET. Full refund of Deposit will be made to actual bidders for return of One (1) Set, in good condition, within two weeks after closing date of bids; refund for return of all other sets, in good condition, within the same period, will be Fifty Percent (50%) of the Deposit.

4. All proposals must be on the form contained in the Specifications furnished by the Town.

5. All bids must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Acceptable Bidder's Bond in the amount of Ten Percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid, made payable to the Town of Fallsburgh. Said checks will be returned to all, except the three (3) lowest bidders, not later than ten (10) days after opening of bids.

6. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon the payment of all persons supplying labor and furnishing materials on the construction of the work.

7. No bidder may withdraw his bid within Thirty (30) Days after closing date for receipt of bids.

8. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bid.

TOWN OF FALLSBURGH
By: MORTIMER MICHAELS
TOWN SUPERVISOR

DATED: May 18, 1953.

Tenders are being invited by the New Zealand Government for the supply of one Vertical Left Hand Single Cut Log Bandmill. Tenders close with the Stores Officer, New Zealand Forest Service, P.O. Box 1028, Wellington, New Zealand, on June 23, 1953. Quotation forms, specifications and drawings may be obtained on application to the New Zealand Government Trade Commissioner, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: July 8, 1953

The Construction of The Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium for Memorial Hall Commission

CONTRACT MH 23-A2

Sealed proposals for the construction of The Henry & Edsel Ford Auditorium, located at Woodward Avenue and Woodbridge Street, Detroit, Michigan, addressed to the Memorial Hall Commission of the City of Detroit, and endorsed "Proposal for Contract MH 23-A2," will be received at the office of the City Engineer, 30th Floor, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold Street, Detroit, Michigan, until 2:00 P. M., City of Detroit Time, Wednesday, July 8, 1953, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposals received after the above mentioned time will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

The work included consists of the construction of the superstructure of a Monumental Auditorium Building approximately 250 feet by 192 feet. The building is of structural steel frame supported on concrete foundations. Floors are reinforced concrete. Walls are of masonry faced on the exterior with marble and granite. Air conditioning including both heat and refrigeration, plumbing and electrical systems are included in the work.

(a) The Concrete Foundations have been installed under a separate contract.

(b) At a later date the City will take separate bids on Projection Equipment, Theatre Chairs, Carpets, Drapes and Stage Equipment including Asbestos Curtain.

The Contract Documents, including Notice to Bidders, Form of Proposal and Agreement, and Contract Drawings and Specifications, may be examined and obtained at the office of Crane, Kiehler & Kellogg and O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach, Architects, 112 Madison Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, during business hours on and after May 25, 1953. Copies of the complete Contract Documents may be obtained on deposit of $100.00 with the Architects. Complete sets only will be issued.

The check is to be made payable to the Treasurer, City of Detroit.

The full amount of the deposit for contract documents will be refunded on return of the drawings and specifications free from marks and other mutilations, provided the drawings and specifications are returned within ten (10) days after the receipt of proposals or if used in submitting a bona fide proposal. Otherwise, the deposit of $100.00 will be forfeited to the City of Detroit.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or a satisfactory bidder's bond in an amount not less than five percent of the total bid price as security for the acceptance of the contract.

After the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, no proposal may be withdrawn for at least 30 days.

The City of Detroit reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, or to accept any bid, or to reject any or all bids, should it be deemed for its best interests so to do.

CITY OF DETROIT
FRANK G. SCHEMANSKE
President, Memorial
Hall Commission

Bids: June 23, 1953

Purchase of Steel Swing Span

Sealed bids will be received by the Mississippi State Highway Commission, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 23, 1953, for the purchase by cash (lump sum bid) of the 202 foot steel swing Span, including machinery, being a part of the existing bridge across the Bay of St. Louis on U. S. Highway No. 90 between Bay St. Louis and Henderson Point in Hancock and Harrison Counties, which is to be removed and stored by others.

Certified check or bid bond for five per cent (5%) of bid, payable to STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, must accompany each proposal.

Further information may be obtained from the Office Engineer.

T. C. ROBBINS, DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT

Bids: June 16, 1953

Miscellaneous

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the President of the Levy Court of New Castle County, Room 134-A, Public Building, Wilmington, Delaware, until 11:00 A.M. Daylight Saving Time, on June 16, 1953 and at that time publicly opened for contracts involving the following approximate quantities:

CONTRACT SD-47
ROSEVILLE PARK

Lump Sum Clearing & Grubbing
9,000 C.Y. Excavation
100 C.Y. Borrow Pit Stripping
6,000 C.Y. Selected Borrow
1,620 Tons Hot-Mix Asphaltic Conc.
3,000 Gal. R. C. 1 Tack Coat
0.5 C.Y. Cement Concrete Masonry
35 L.F. 12" R. C. Pipe
364 L.F. 15" R. C. Pipe
90 L.F. 18" R. C. Pipe
50 L.F. 24" R. C. Pipe
20 S.F. 4" Sidewalk
20 S.F. Replace Flagstone Walk
35 L.F. Resetting Brick Curb
1 Ea. Type "B" Catch Basin
3 Ea. Type "C" Catch Basin
1,640 Lbs. Castings
3,700 S.Y. Top Soil
0.80 Ac. Seeding
2,100 S.Y. Sodding
80 L.F. Perforated Corrugated Metal Pipe 6" Underdrain

CONTRACT-SD-51
WOODCREST
Surry Ave.

1,075 C.Y. Excavation
1,150 Tons Selected Borrow
840 Tons Waterbound Macadam
325 Tons Hot-Mix Asphaltic Conc.
560 Gal. R. C. 1 Asphlat
30 L.F. 4" V. C. Pipe
175 S.Y. Cement Concrete Gutters (6")
2,075 L.F. Integral Curb & Gutter
30 S.F. Cement Concrete Sidewalk (4")
1,800 S.Y. Topsoil
0.35 A. Seeding

Attention is called to the Special Provisions in the proposal, specifications and contract agreement.

Performance of contract shall commence within ten (10) days after execution of the contract and be completed as specified.

Monthly payments will be made for ninety (90) per cent of the construction completed each month.

Bidders must submit proposals upon forms provided by the County Engineer.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a surety bond, certified check, or money to the amount of at least ten (10) per centum of the total amount of the proposal.

The envelope containing the proposal must be marked "Suburban Development Contract No. —."

The Contract will be awarded or rejected within twenty (20) days from the date of opening proposals.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Complete sets of plans and specifications may be obtained from the County Engineers Office, upon receipt of two dollars ($2.00) for each contract, which amount will not be refunded.

Make checks payable to the Levy Court of New Castle County.

LEVY COURT OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
BY: JOHN TAYLOR
COUNTY ENGINEER

Bids: June 9, 1953

Rt. 25 (1927)—Rts. U. S. 1 (1953) & U. S. 1 & 9 (1953), Secs. 4F, 5G, 6D 7E & 8J

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commissioner for:

Route 25 (1927)—Routes U.S. 1(1953) and U.S. 1 & 9 (1953), Sections 4F, 5G, 6D, 7E and 8J, from Cranbury Turnpike to Bayway Traffic Circle, Partial Repaving and Resurfacing Bridges, in Middlesex and Union Counties. Length of project 18.2 miles. The principal items of construction are:

Roadway Items

Estimated:
8,000 cu. yds. Roadway Excavation-Earth
35,401 sq. yds. Pavement Excavation
14,102 sq. yds. Pavement Surface Removal Bit. Conc.
3,800 tons Pavement, Type MA-BC-1 and 2
34,260 sq. yds. 9" Rein. Conc. Pavement Surface
10,950 lin. ft. White Concrete Curb

Bridge Items

1,468 lin. ft. Concrete Header
270 sq. ft. Concrete Sidewalk Slab

Bids for the above will be received at the office of the State Highway Department, Assembly Room, Room 140, in the State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 9, 1953, at ten o'clock (10:00 A.M.—EASTERN STANDARD TIME), eleven o'clock (11:00 A.M.—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME), and will be opened and read immediately thereafter.

The receipt and opening of bids is subject to the proper qualification of the bidder in accordance with the provisions of the prequalification law and the regulations adopted by the State Highway Commissioner. Bidders must also submit a revised financial statement and statement of plant and equipment with their bid.

Drawings, specifications and form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work are on file in the office of the State Highway Department, Trenton, N. J., and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours. Plans will be furnished on a deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each set of plans upon application to A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk, State Highway Department, Room 139, State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, N. J. Bids must be made upon the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the standard State Highway specifications and must be enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and work bid upon on the outside, and must be accompanied by a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, provided that the said certified check shall not be less than $500.00 nor more than $20,000.00 and must be delivered at the above place on or before the hour named. Copies of the standard proposal forms and special addressed envelopes will be furnished on application. Bids not enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Signed: R. J. Abbott
State Highway Commissioner

Bids: June 30, 1953

Algonquin Avenue Outlet Sewer

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
CONTRACT PW-2106

Sealed proposals for the Algonquin Avenue Outlet Sewer, addressed to the CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, of the City of Detroit, and endorsed: "Proposal for Contract PW-2106" will be received at the OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER, 30TH FLOOR, GUARDIAN BUILDING, DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN, until 2:00 P.M. City of Detroit Time, on June 30, 1953, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after the abovementioned time will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The work included consists of approximately 1⅝ miles of 16-foot inside diameter monolithic concrete sewer, to be built in tunnel in Kercheval, Algonquin, and Freud Avenues from Philip to the Freud Pumping Station. Also included are approximately 300 feet each of 10'-0" and 12'-6" inside diameter monolithic concrete sewers in tunnel. A reinforced concrete junction chamber is also included.

The Contract Documents, including Notice to Bidders, Form of Proposal and Agreement, Drawings, and Specifications may be examined at the Office of the City Engineer during business hours, and copies may be obtained by making a deposit of $15.00 per set, which sum will be refunded upon the return in good condition of the complete set of Contract documents within ten days after receipt of proposals, or if used in submitting a bona fide proposal.

Each proposal shal be accompanied by a certified check or a satisfactory bidder's bond in an amount of not less than 5 percent of the total bid price, as security for the acceptance of the Contract.

All checks shall be made payable to the Treasurer, City of Detroit.

The City of Detroit reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, or to accept any bid, or to reject any or all bids, should it be deemed for its best interests so to do.

CITY OF DETROIT
CARL D. WARNER
Commissioner of Public Works
G. R. THOMPSON
City Engineer

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will receive sealed proposals through the Water and Power Resources Board, Department of Forests and Waters, Room 405 Education Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, until 1:00 o'clock E.S.T. (2 o'clock D.S.T.), Monday June 8, 1953, for sale of the following: The electrically driven 15 inch portable hydraulic cutter head dredge "Chester". Overall length 77 feet, width 30 feet, maximum draft 4 feet, above water level clearance 13 feet. Dredge is mounted with 15" Morris centrifugal type dredge pump of 9,000 G.P.M. capacity. Hull is composed of 9 demountable steel pontoons and can be assembled on water, with motors and appurtenant equipment. Portable Electrical substation and three rubber tire trailers comprising a bank of three 500 K.V.A. single phase transformers and 2400 volt secondaries and appurtenances, fifteen 1000 ft. lengths of armored shore cable, type SH-D on reels with connection boxes and mounting accessories. One 1000 ft. length of rubber jacketed dredge submarine cable type SH-D on reel. The dredge, electrical substations and equipment are in good operating condition. Detail specifications of the equipment and proposal forms are available and inspection may be arranged at the Schuylkill River Project Office, 1973 West Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Bid shall be a lump sum amount for entire equipment listed and shall be accompanied by a certified check, drawn to the order of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of $10,000 as a proposal guarantee. The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.

S. S. Lewis
Chairman

Bids: June 9, 1953

Construction Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Sanitation District No. 1 of Campbell and Kenton Counties, Kentucky, 37 East Fourth Street, Newport, Kentucky, until 2:00 P.M., June 9, 1953, Eastern Standard Time, and opened immediately thereafter, for furnishing the material and performing the labor for the execution and construction of the following work:

Eighth Street Pump Station, appurtenances, and the sewers in conjunction therewith
Patton Street Pump Station, appurtenances, and the sewers in conjunction therewith

in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Vogt, Ivers, Seaman and Associates for the Commissioners of the Sanitation District No. 1 of Campbell and Kenton Counties, Kentucky, and on file in the office of the Sanitation District No. 1. Copies of plans for the complete project together with specifications and proposal forms and any further information desired, may be secured from the office of Vogt, Ivers, Seaman and Associates, Engineers-Architects, 34 West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Drawings and specifications will be forwarded, shipping charges COLLECT, upon receipt of written requests. A deposit in the amount indicated will be required for the drawings and specifications:

Complete set $20.00

Refunds for the plans and specifications will be made if returned prepaid, in good usable condition, within 10 days after bids have been opened.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to:
Sanitation District No. 1 of Campbell & Kenton Counties, Kentucky
37 East Fourth Street
Newport, Kentucky

The Commissioners of Sanitation District No. 1 reserve the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or the proposal for any one or more of the units or sections of the work under consideration.

WILLIAM D. ANDERSON—Secretary
Sanitation District No. 1 of
Campbell and Kenton Counties, Ky.

Adjudication for Gates and Ancillary Equipment

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
ASWAN DAM HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

The Ministry of Public Works hereby gives advance notice that tenders will be invited at the beginning of July 1953 for the supply, delivery, erection and maintenance of gates and ancillary equipment required for the Aswan Dam Hydro-Electric Power Station, the main items of which are as follows:—

1) Main gates and trash racks for seven main and two auxiliary units.
2) Downstream gates for one or two main and one auxiliary unit.
3) Closing devices for intakes and tail race tunnels.
4) Cranes for handling gates.

Firms other than those who are in possession of the documents for the original enquiry which are no longer valid, will be required to pay L.E. 20 (twenty Egyptian Pounds) for the new tender documents, application for which should be made in accordance with the instructions contained in a further announcement to be published in June 1953.

A period of THREE months only will be allowed for the submission of tenders and on no account will any extension be granted.

Firms intending to submit offers for this work may, on application to one of the following addresses, obtain copies of three preliminary drawings:—

(a) Hydro-Electric Power Department, Ministry of Public Works, Parliament Post Office, Cairo, Egypt.
(b) Messrs. Kennedy & Donkin, Consulting Engineers, 12 Caxton Street, London, S.W. 1.
(c) Messrs. Vattenbyggnadsbyran (VBB), 29, Humlegardsgatan, Stockholm.

They are also advised to take an early opportunity of visiting the site to obtain such general information regarding working conditions in Egypt, to enable them to prepare their tender in the time limit allowed.

Bids: June 4, 1953

Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., advanced standard time, which is nine-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 4th day of JUNE 1953, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

Contract No.	Type	Name of Highway and Miles	Deposit for Plans	Bid Deposit	Dept. Estimate
FACG. 53-11	Asp. Conc. Type 2A, R.R. & River Viaduct 1187'	Rochester City:Inner Loop (Genesee River) Bridge and Approaches 0.36 Mile	$25	$170,000	$2,976,000

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement, and to the special provisions applying to projects financed with federal funds. Award of a contract is subject to the "Controlled Materials Plan" of the National Production Authority as well as to regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Law, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders."

When optional types are permitted on contracts with federal funds, bidders must state in the space provided in the proposal the exact designation of the optional type upon which the proposal is predicated. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

B. D. TALLAMY
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

June 2, 1953 Postponement of Bid Date

Bronze Venturi Meters Contract 422

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Board of Water Supply, at its offices, thirteenth floor, 120 Wall Street, New York City, until 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 19, 1953, for Contract 422, for furnishing, testing and delivering two 60-inch by 42-inch, one 20-inch by 12-inch and one 16-inch by 12-inch bronze nozzle type Venturi meters, instrument assemblies, bronze castings, electric cables and appurtenances for the Downsville release water chamber and the Neversink intake chamber of the Delaware system, all as set forth in the specifications.

No bid will be received and deposited unless accompanied by a certified check upon a National or State bank, drawn and made payable to the order of the Comptroller of the City of New York, in the amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), for the proper execution of the contract.

At the above place and time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Pamphlets containing information for bidders, forms of bid and contract, specifications, contract drawings, requirements as to surety, etc., can be obtained in Room 1316, at the above address, upon application in person or by mail, by depositing the sum of five dollars ($5.00) in cash or its equivalent for each pamphlet. Within 30 days following the award of contract or rejection of bids, the full amount of such deposit will be refunded for each pamphlet submitted as a bid and a refund of four dollars ($4.00) will be made for each other pamphlet returned in acceptable condition. Arrangements will be made whereby prospective bidders desiring blueprints of the contract drawings for their own use may secure same, the cost thereof to be paid by them. For further particulars, apply at the office of the Chief Engineer at the above address.

IRVING V. A. HUIE, President, RUFUS E. McGAHEN, EDWARD C. MAGUIRE, Commissioners, Board of Water Supply; BETTY COHEN, Acting Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the receipt and opening of bids on the above Contract 422 have been postponed until 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, June 2, 1953.

IRVING V. A. HUIE, President, RUFUS E. McGAHEN, EDWARD C. MAGUIRE, Commissioners, Board of Water Supply, City of N. Y.; BETTY COHEN, Acting Secretary.

Bids: June 1, 1953

Furnishing and Delivering Standard Manhole Frames, Covers and Steps Lightwood Manhole Frames and Covers

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION
INQUIRY NO. 003052

Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering two-hundred (200) W.S.S.C. Standard Manhole Frames and Covers "S", one thousand (1,000) W.S.S.C. Standard Manhole Steps, twenty-five (25) W.S.S.C. Lightweight Manhole Frames & Covers "S" and twenty-five (25) W.S.S.C. Lightweight Manhole Frames & Covers "W" will be received in the office of the Purchasing Agent, Room 3, of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission 401y Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, Maryland, until Monday, June 1st, 1953 at 10:30 A. M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications and drawings may be obtained from W. R. Douglas, Purchasing Agent of the Commission, 4617 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, Md.

Raymond W. Bellamy, Chairman
L. S. Ray
J. Norman Ager
Commissioners

Attest:
James B. Parkhill
Secretary-Treasurer

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: June 11, 1953

New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.,—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, Public Buildings Law, and Article 2, Title 9 of the Public Authorities Law, and special provision for projects financed with Federal Aid funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., advanced standard time, which is nine-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 11th day of June 1953, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

County	Contract No.	Name	Miles	Type	Deposit	Estimated Cost of Work
		DISTRICT No. 1				
		G. L. NICKERSON, District Engineer, 353 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.				
Essex	FASS 53-5	Wilmington-Black Brook, Co. Rd. 12 Project S-219(1)	1.13	Bit. Mac. Type 2 Comp. I-Beam Br. 180'	$14,000 Plans $10	$250,000
Essex	FARC 53-50	Essex-Willsboro Pt. 2 S. H. 1641 Willsboro-Keeseville Pt. 2, S. H. 8238 Project F-407(7)	6.76	Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt.	13,000 Plans $10	245,000
		DISTRICT No. 2				
		L. KETCHUM, District Engineer, 109 No. Genesee St., Utica, New York				
Herkimer	M.T. 53-10 S.T. 53-23 R.C. 53-47	New York State Thruway, Mohawk Section, Subd. 10B (East Schuyler-Fort Herkimer); Herkimer Interchange, 6 Secondary Crossroads; Mohawk-Jacksonburg-Little Falls, S. H. 8401; Herkimer Village, East Albany St., S. H. 5060	6.98 Thy. 3.85 Acc.	9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 25' Var. Wide = 9.79 Mi. Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt. = 0.96 Mi. T. C. Bit. Mac. = 0.03 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.05 Mi. 2 Hy. Sepa. Comp. I-Beams 121.8' and 47.3' 1 Br. Comp. I-Beam and Girders 983.9' 2 RR Sepa. Comp. I-Beams 275.6' and 402.8'	$600,000 Plans $100	10,674,000
		DISTRICT No. 5				
		C. R. WATERS, District Engineer, State Office Building, Buffalo, New York				
Niagara	FARC 53-52	Olcott-County Line, S. H. 9052, Project F-461(5), F-473(2)	12.55	Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt.	$18,000 Plans $10	334,000
		DISTRICT No. 7				
		ROBERT W. SWEET, District Engineer, 444 VanDuzee St., Watertown, New York				
Clinton	FARC 53-51	Mooers Village, S. H. 930, Mooers Forks-Champlain Pt. 1, S. H. 5102, Battleman Road, S. H. 1008, Projects F-576(3), F-1010(3)	3.96	Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt.	$9,000 Plans $10	156,000
		DISTRICT No. 8				
		J. S. BIXBY, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, New York				
Rockland	H.T. 53-4 S.T. 53-22 R.C. 53-46	New York State Thruway, Hudson Section, Subd. 8 (Suffern-Nyack, Pt. 1); Oaklane; Hemion Rd.; Airmont Rd.; Suffern-Mt. Ivy, S. H. 1448	2.86 Thy. 0.58 Acc.	9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 25' Var. Wide = 3.08 Mi. Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt. = 0.36 Mi. 1 Hy. Sep. Plate Girder 227.4' 1 Br. Comp. I-Beam 148.4' 2 Hy. Sepa. Comp. I-Beams 222.3' and 226.6'	$250,000 Plans $50	4,184,000
		DISTRICT No. 9				
		F. W. DONOVAN, District Engineer, 71 Frederick St., Binghamton 21F, New York				
Chenango & Otsego	R.C. 53-49	Various Highways in Chenango & Otsego Counties		Removal of 149 Trees	650 Plans $10	12,000
		DISTRICT No. 10				
		M. E. GOUL, District Engineer, Montauk Highway at Little East Neck Rd., Babylon, Long Island, New York				
Suffolk	B.P. 53-52	West Jetty Shinnecock Inlet		Beach Protection (Stone Jetty and Light Tower)	5% of Bid Plans $10	525,000

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

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The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

B. D. TALLAMY
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-3956) will be received at Boulder City, Nevada, until June 10, 1953, for furnishing labor and materials for removing rock slab, Hoover Dam and Power Plant, Arizona-Nevada, Boulder Canyon Project. Location: Hoover dam site, near Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada. Principal items are: Excavation, rock slab, 5,400 cu. yds.; drilling holes, 1,420 lin. ft.; furnishing and placing anchor bars, 13,500 lbs.; and other work. Completion time 375 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nevada; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

FRED G. AANDAHL, Assistant Secretary
for Water and Power Development
Department of the Interior

U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-3957) will be received at Boulder City, Nevada, until June 10, 1953, for furnishing labor and materials for anchoring rock slab, Hoover Dam and Power Plant, Arizona-Nevada, Boulder Canyon Project. Location: Hoover dam site, near Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada. Principal items are: Drilling holes, 10,200 lin. ft.; furnishing and placing anchor bars, 115,000 lbs.; pressure grouting, 1,400 sacks; and other work. Completion time 375 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nevada; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

FRED G. AANDAHL, Assistant Secretary
for Water and Power Development
Department of the Interior

U. S. Government

St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, 1217 U. S. Post Office and Custom House, St. Paul 1, Minnesota—Sealed bids will be received at this office until 2:00 P.M., C.S.T., 16 June 1953, and then publicly opened for Channel Improvement on Marsh River, Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Invitation No. DS-3963) will be received at Denver, Colorado, until June 23, 1953, for furnishing two 19.67-foot by 28.03-foot fixed wheel gates for Palisades Project, Idaho. Delivery is desired within 240 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

FRED G. AANDAHL, Assistant Secretary
for Water and Power Development
Department of the Interior

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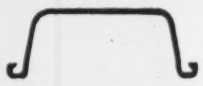

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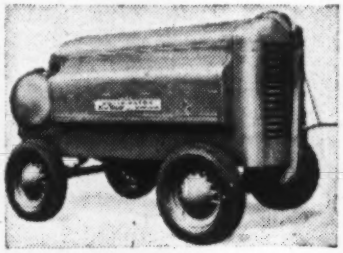

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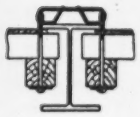

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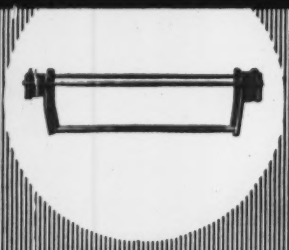

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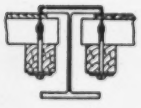

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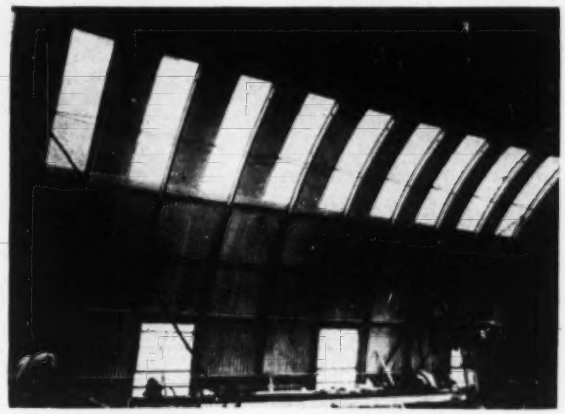

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S. C. Jensen
Assistant Editor

Plastics is not a single material but—like alloy steel—comprises a whole list of materials. Basically, they are a group of chemical compounds developed for particular individual qualities and therefore are designed for particular uses.

The list of plastics available is as long as it is confusing. Its nomenclature contains some of the most unpronounceable combinations of chemical terms to be found anywhere.

For construction men, this vast array of materials and names can be reduced to perhaps a dozen and a half—and even that number represents too wide a variation in characteristics and uses for detailed individual discussion. But, general properties of these relatively few materials can be discussed from the viewpoint of what they will do or can stand—and that's what's done in the following paragraphs.

Meanwhile, there's one general rule about plastics that's worth posting in a prominent place by any construction man:

The proper plastic must be selected for the individual application in which it is to be used. There is very little of the "oh well, it'll do" school of practice that can be applied to this field safely.

With this in mind, then, here's a partial list of the plastics that seem most applicable to construction—and some facts about them:

• **Tensile strength**—Polyster glass fiber is the strongest of the plastic materials, with a rating of 41,000 psi—just about in the range of steel. This strength is due, however, to the glass fiber reinforcement rather than to the plastic itself.

Of the non-reinforced plastics, nylon has considerable tensile strength but all other plastics are below 10,000 psi with polyethylene (polythene) low at 1,100 psi. Notwithstanding, where low stresses exist, piping and structures of sheeting can be made from plastics with entirely satisfactory results.

• **Elongation**—Plastics generally rate fairly high in their capacity to take deformation in strain. Materials such as plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and elastomers such as Neoprene show outstanding elongation before failure just as natural rubber would. But polyethylene (polythene) is also capable of considerable deformation before failure. It should be noted, however, that some resins fail in tension with almost no deformation.

• **Impact strength**—As in the case of tensile strength, the polyester glass fiber is outstanding, but tetrafluoroethylene resin (TFE resin or Teflon), polychloro-trifluoroethylene (KEL-F) and cellulose acetate-butyrate (Tenite) are also good.

• **Service temperature**—This is the maximum temperature that a plastic can withstand over an extended period of time. It is very likely that use of plastics will be extended considerably when the maximum is raised. At present, Teflon probably has the best service temperature—150 deg. C.

• **Specific gravity**—Polyethylene (Polythene) is the lightest of the plastics with a specific gravity of 0.9. Teflon is the heavyweight at 2.3.

• **Flexural fatigue**—As with metals, it is important to design plastic structures within the endurance limit and not be guided by tensile strength

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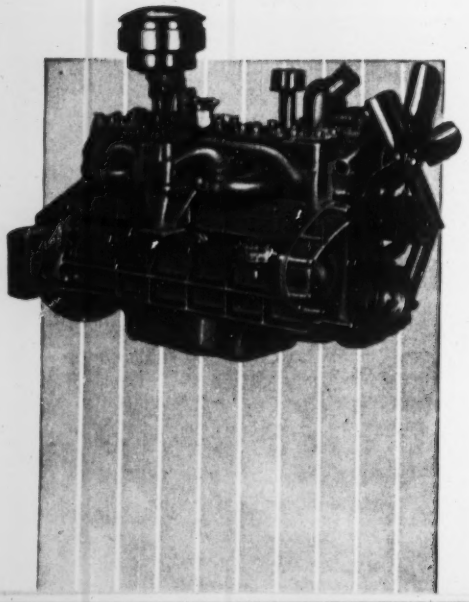

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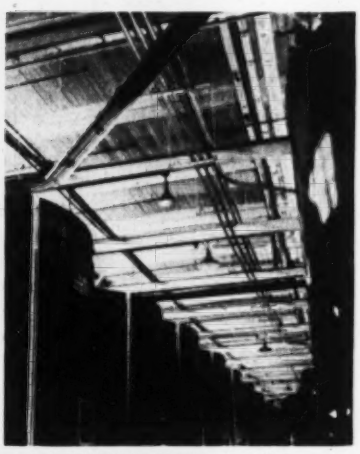

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alone. Below an endurance limit of 1,000 psi Teflon can be flexed indefinitely. In actual experience, well-fabricated structures of tetra fluoroethylene resin (Teflon) show outstanding flex durability.

• **Water absorption**—Plastics are generally good electrical insulators, but polyethylene, Teflon and KEL-F absorb the least water of the construction plastics. Moisture content also affects mechanical strength, moldability and dimensional stability.

• **Plastics at present**—It is almost impossible to estimate the value of plastics currently used in construction but at least $40-million worth are going into structural applications. Plastic items used by construction men as tools or parts of tools, although seemingly inconsequential individually, make up another large factor in the uses of plastics in construction.

One of the major uses of structural plastics today is in plastic pipe (see ENR May 7, 1953, p. 37). Although certain misapplications have resulted in adverse publicity for many products of this nature, singular success has been achieved by using plastic pipe in industrial construction where corrosive liquids had taken a huge toll on traditional materials. Its manifold advantages of light weight, relatively low cost, ease of installation, corrosion resistance and the high standards imposed by reputable fabricators make plastic pipe one of the items to watch and make use of in future construction.

Use of glass fiber reinforced polyesters has expanded considerably during the last few years because of its high strength to weight ratio. Used as a glazing material reinforced polester sheeting diffuses direct sunlight to eliminate glare. As interior paneling, reinforced polyesters are used to add color that requires no protective maintenance and affords good acoustical qualities at the same time.

The use of plastic wall tiles has been on the upswing since 1947. Although they were first made in the early 1940's, a suitable mastic adhesive was not developed until the latter date. Oil based mastics successfully used with metal tile would bond to wall surfaces but would not bond to the plastic tile. Improved mastic materials and opacity ratings for the tile together with raised heat distortion points has since then permitted wide use of this type of building product—more than 100,000,000 sq ft in 1952. (This compares with 148,000,000 sq ft of ceramic tile sold in 1951—a record year for the age-old industry.)

Laminated plastics have been used quite successfully in interiors where a bright, easy-to-clean surface is desirable. Laminated plastic counter tops and sink splash boards have been built into houses throughout the United States but notably in two 1,000-home developments built by the Hutchinson and Carey Realty Co. of Denver, Colo., and Normac, Inc. of Huntington Park, Calif.

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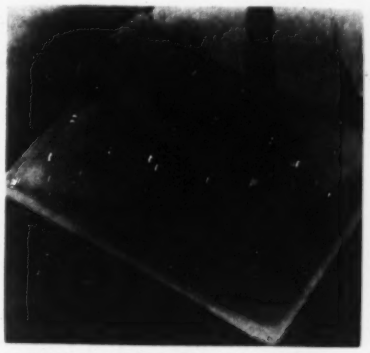

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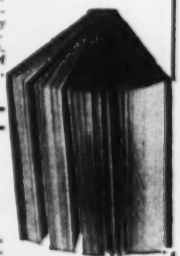

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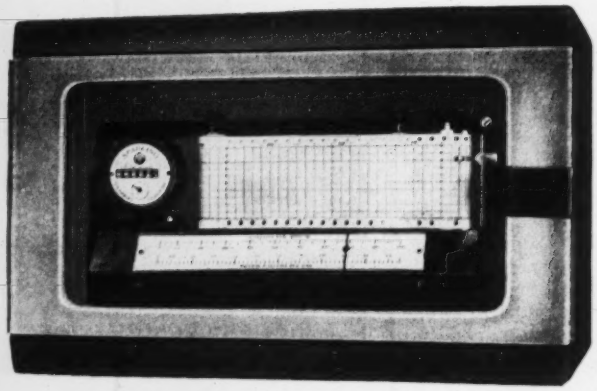

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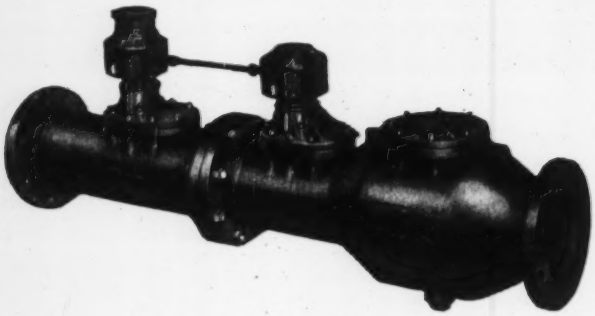

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Although consumer acceptance of plastics temporarily foundered, industrial applications of the new materials increased above wartime levels. Today and in the very near future the major part of plastics used in construction will go into these applications. There are a number of things, however, that the plastics industry might do to improve their future.

• **Plastics future**—Expanded acceptance of plastics as structural materials will depend on a number of factors besides an obvious and ever-present need for reduction in costs.

Research and testing of plastic materials to provide engineers and architects with adequate specifications has long been in process. When this work is completed much of the confusion and distrust surrounding plastics construction materials will have been removed.

There are several serious retardants to this program, however. Endurance testing of any material is a long-term operation, and most plastics are so new that complete test results will not be published for several years. The large variety of these materials is also a serious deterrent to setting up a full set of standards. Further, in such a highly competitive industry, the formulation of some plastics compounds are kept a trade secret.

The relatively small size of fabricated plastic parts is also a serious drawback to widespread acceptance. Increase in the size of molding and extrusion machinery is necessary before these materials can become competitive with other materials.

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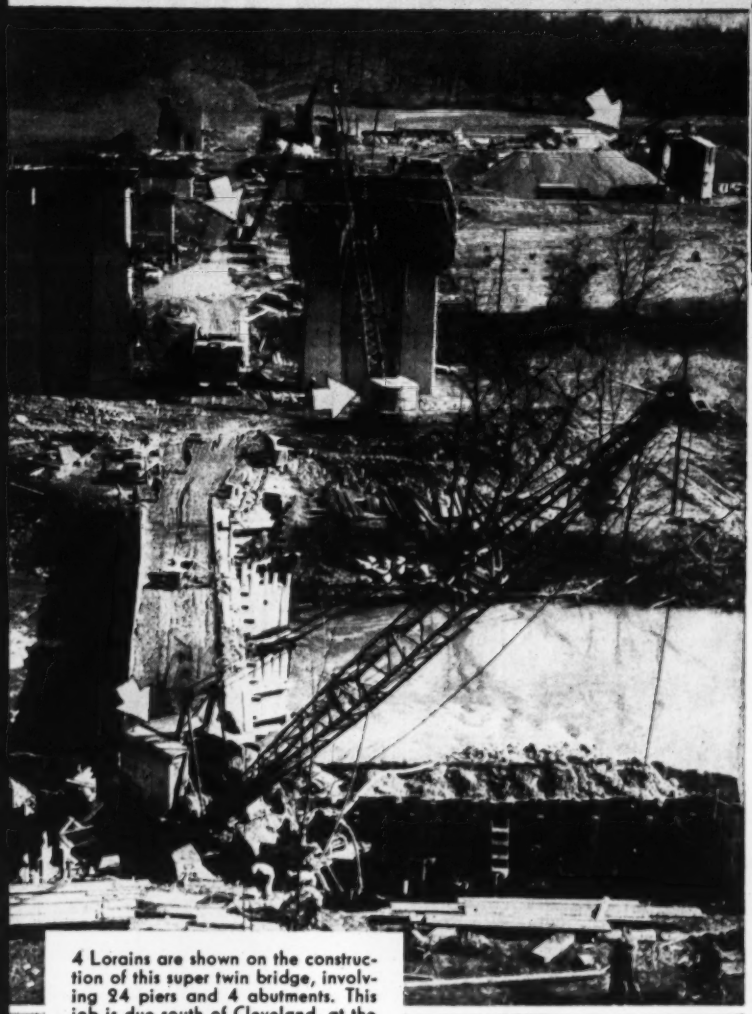

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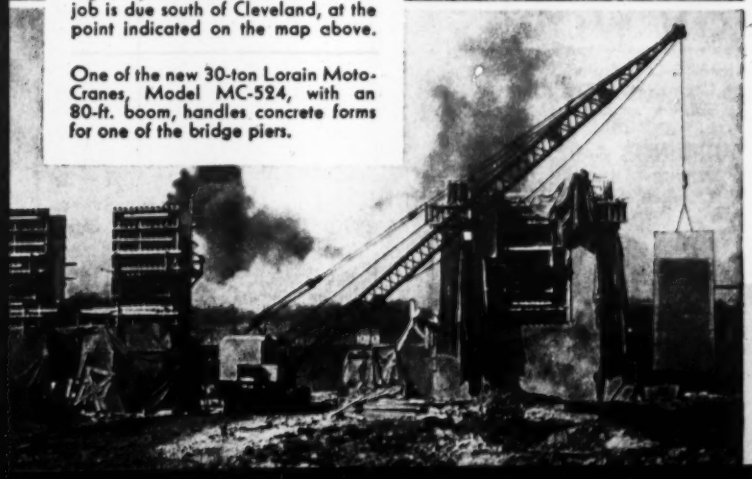

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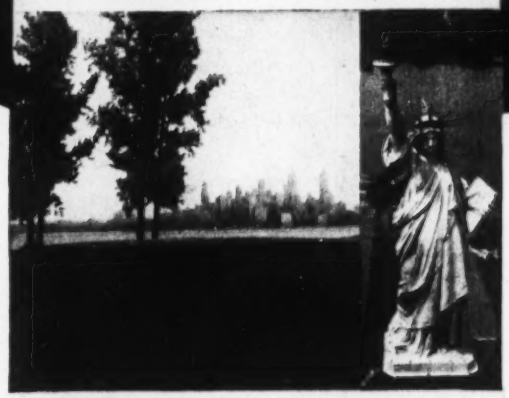

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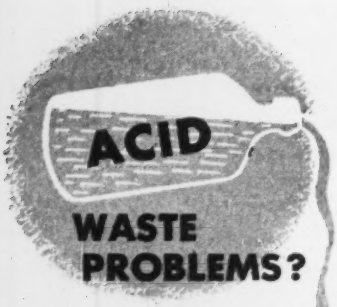

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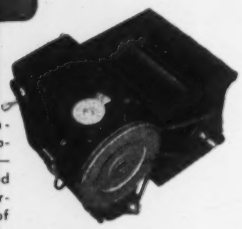

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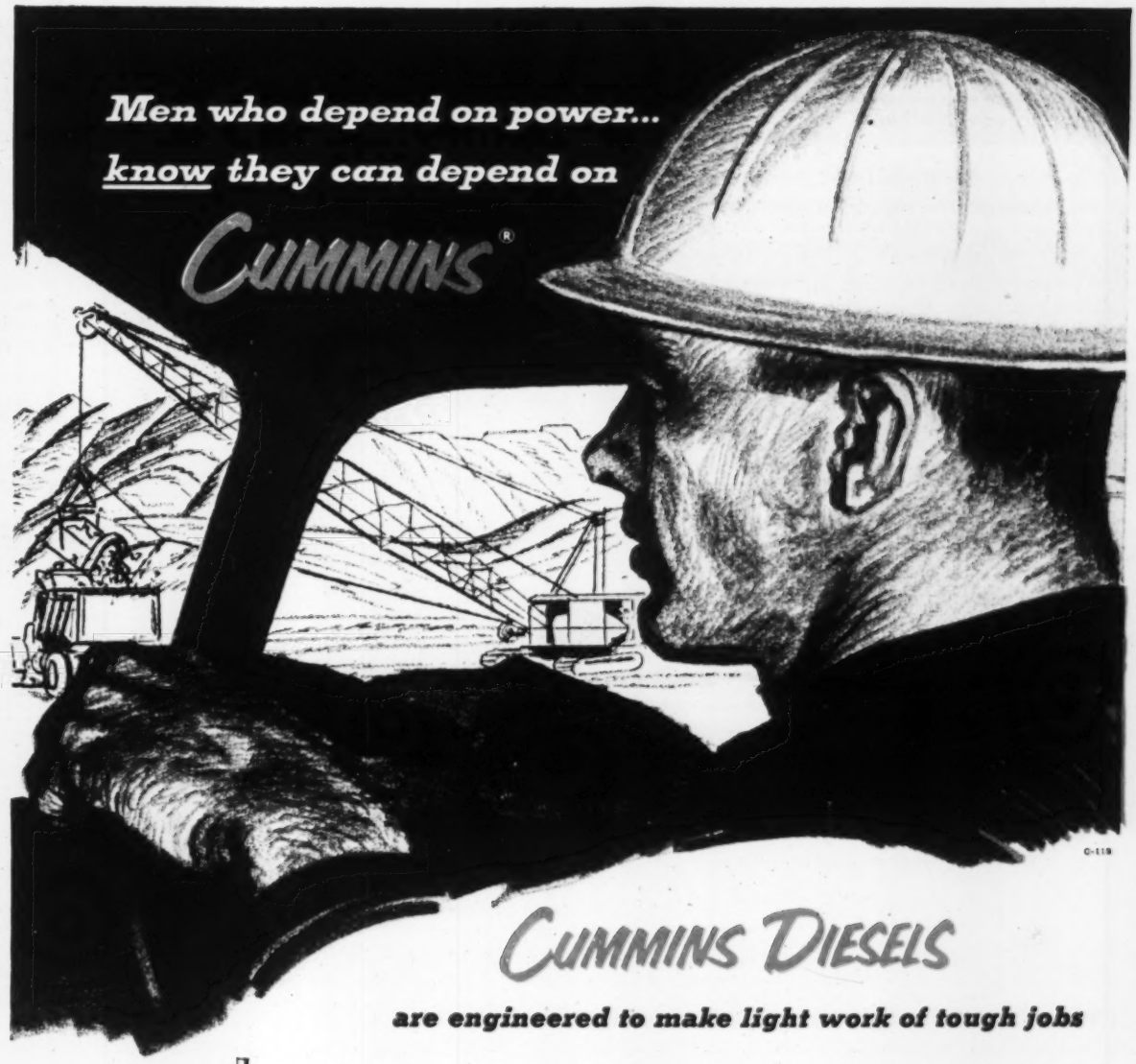

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Fostering new methods

MANY ATTEMPTS have been made in recent years to foster the use of a new material or construction method by incorporating it in an alternate design. This tactic generally has proved unsuccessful.

A few years ago, the Texas Highway Department tried to introduce welding for steel highway bridges by taking bids on alternate designs. This didn't work. Bids on welded work were too high. So the department called for bids on welded construction only. That did work. And after the first bridges had been constructed and contractors had become better acquainted with welding, costs came down. The Massachusetts Department of Public Works had a similar experience last year when it tried to introduce prestressed concrete for highway bridges through alternate designs.

To begin with, alternate designs are unpopular with contractors. This was brought out with emphasis at the recent conference on prestressed concrete at Newark College of Engineering (ENR May 7, p. 26). Contractors don't like the added estimating expense involved nor the incompleteness of the plans when leeway is given for bidding on unspecified design details. So there is a lack of interest in bidding on alternate designs, which is not conducive to economy nor encouraging to introduction of new methods.

Furthermore, experience to date has shown that contractors who do bid on alternates favor the material or method with which they are most familiar. In nearly every case, this means that the low bid is tendered for the more conventional design.

Consequently, it is extremely difficult to introduce a new design at the lowest possible cost to the owner of the structure through competitive bidding on alternate designs. Until a better way is found, the best procedure is for the designer to select the material or method that, in his judgment, is most desirable, and specify it.

Composting provides no panacea

A RECENT DISCUSSION of composting of municipal and industrial wastes (p. 35) puts the subject in perspective with two of its major statements: (1) It has not yet been proved that composting can be justified on the basis of waste recovery alone. (2) Less progress has been made in solving the mechanical problems of composting than in understanding the biochemical process. This was discussed by Richard R. Kennedy, San Francisco consulting engineer.

His first point was stated forcefully by another consultant recently. He put it this way: "The most that can be said in favor of the best of the many [composting] schemes is that they can show a return."

The second point finds added support as a result of the recent operating troubles of a composting plant on Long Island (ENR April 23, p 24). Segregating the wastes is an expensive task; grinding of even segregated garbage is a severe strain on available grinders; and aerobic handling of moist garbage on metal parts suffers the curse of corrosion.

The single conclusive lesson to be drawn from all of this is perhaps that there is not as yet any proved means of making waste disposal pay; it is merely possible in some instances to cut the cost of disposal by prudent waste (and waste heat) recovery. Consequently, it behooves the engineer to consider each of the several methods of disposal and to choose composting only when it proves itself economically advantageous over other effective methods.

Federal taxes for highways

PATIENTLY the Subcommittee on Roads of the House Committee on Public Works listens day after day to testimony from the many who want to be heard on what Congress should do about highways. Out of it all stands evidence that those who continue to advocate immediate withdrawal of the federal government from the field of motor fuel taxation are not taking a very practical view of the present situation. They fail to realize that such a step almost inevitably would be followed by revolutionary changes in federal policy.

Federal withdrawal from the field of motor-fuel taxation might well mark the end of federal aid to highways, and if that is cut off, there would be little justification for continuing the Bureau of Public Roads with all it has done to unify highway work in this country and to develop acceptable standards to be applied to the federal-aid system. Nor would abandonment of the federal tax automatically insure that the states would get more money for roads.

This was pointed out at one of the hearings by Paul V. Betters, executive director of the United States Conference of Mayors. If the federal government repeals its gas tax, said Mr. Betters, "it does not necessarily follow that all or most of the states would impose the additional 2¢ levy. Or if imposed, that the revenue would be specifically earmarked for highways."

Instead of abandonment of the federal tax, both the U. S. Conference of Mayors and the American Association of State Highway Officials have gone on record with the Road Subcommittee as favoring increasing the federal level of expenditure to that of federal income from its gasoline tax as the most practicable means for insuring a high level of highway construction in the years ahead.

When highway conditions become less critical will be a better time to give thought to how the federal government can get out of the field of motor fuel taxation without upsetting the present system of financing highways, if such a change still appears desirable.

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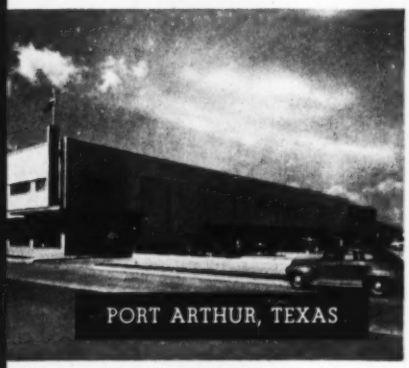

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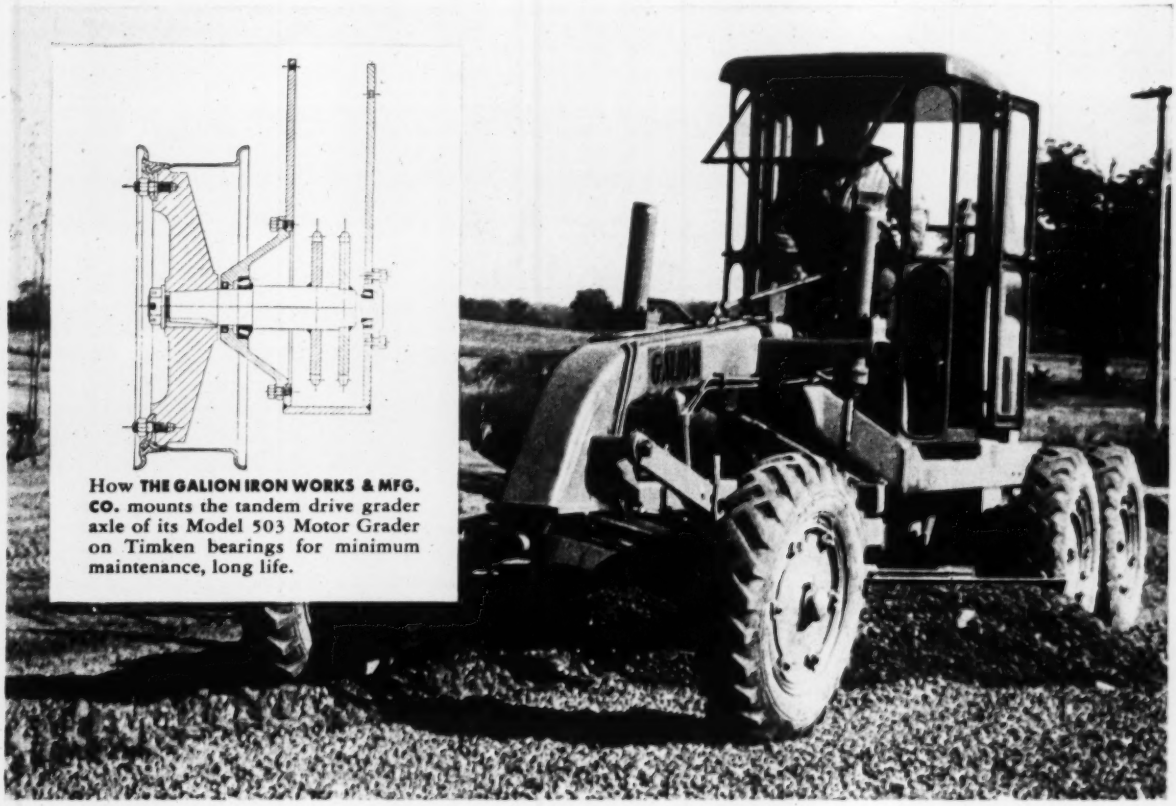

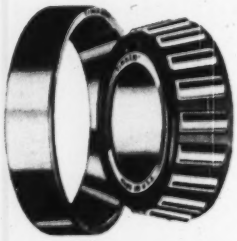

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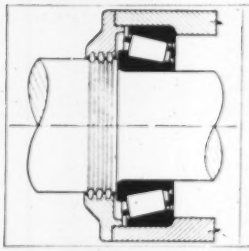

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